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Swiss banks advertise to trace owners of Nazi gold deposits

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HE Swiss Bankers' Association their traditional seery and publish a three-page divertisement in The Times tomornw. listing the names of all cormant accounts dating back to the Second World War. The list ncludes the names of several

Britons. The surviving account-holders, or their heirs, will be invited to settle all claims they may have with the banks.

The initiative is an attempt to end the controversy over the role played by Swiss banks in the wartime laundering of gold stolen by the Nazi regime in Germany, mostly from Jews. The issue has been a

ment to the banks, as well as of diplomatic damage to Switzerland.
Jeffrey Taufield, a senior partner
of Kekst & Company, a New York
public relations firm which has been acting for the Swiss Bankers' Association, said: "This is a real example of Switzerland's commitment to be responsible and honourable in undertaking what must be

to all corners of the world in an attempt to identify Holocaust survivors and their heirs.

"We have selected newspapers in countries around the world where there are populations of Jews who may be account-holders or their heirs." The British names include Kenneth Wadd from Cornwall, Paula Singer from Gloucestershire, Emil Muller from Liverpool, and

Paul Mayer. Amy Carey and Boris Foster, all from London.

Advertisements have also been placed in The New York Times, The Washington Post, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Le Monde, The Star (Johannesburg), The Jerusalem Post and Pravda, as well as in a variety of Eastern European and South American newspapers. Mr Taufield said: "We hope that

this will be yet another chapter in bringing the matter to a close, with dignity and honour." The claims, he hoped, would be settled within a year of the advertisement's appearance. All unclaimed amounts would be donated by the Swiss Bankers' Association to charitable and humanitarian causes, to be chosen by the Association in consultation with Jewish groups.

Yesterday, the World Jewish Congress, which has been at the forefront of the campaign against the Swiss banks, expressed "mixed teelings" about the list. Elan Steinberg, the WJC's executive director, said: "We're happy this is finally happening, but we're asking why it has taken so long."

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Raise tax to cool economy, IMF advises

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A WARNING to Gordon Brown that he may have to increase taxes on consumers, possibly through widening the VAT net, will be delivered today in the first international assessment of the Labour Government's running of the

A team from the International Monetary Fund, which has spent the past ten days in London holding talks with the Chancellor. Treasury and Bank of England officials and the City, will also cast doubts over Labour's plan for a national minimum wage, saying that it would be a "blunt

It will warn the Government of looming imbalances in the economy, including surging domestic demand likely to be made worse by building society windfalls and the weakness of exports caused by the soaring pound.

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Recommending lower borrowing and increased savings to boost investment, the IMF will suggest a broadening of taxes on consumption, including extending VAT to new

The report will praise Mr Brown's stewardship of the economy, and conclude that the Budget measures to combat demand were tougher than has been appreciated by commentators and that the succession of interest rate rises was overdue. It will also predict a period of increased incertainty in the economy that will "keep policy-makers

on their toes". One of the central recommendations of the report will be that Mr Brown should adopt an even more demanding target for the public fi-

Shares continue sharp retreat

The FTSE 100 Index fell 71.5 points to close at 4805.7, as the London stock market fell back from the 5,000 mark which was almost breached during trading just last week. Financial shares were responsible for some of yester-... Page 25 Stock market, page 31

himself. The aim would be to nation to release far more resources for investment.

It will say that savings could be fostered by broadening taxes on consumption, and will add: "While we are aware that successive governmentss have forsworn significant broadening of the VAT base, this is an issue that warrants serious economic debate, all the more so given the hard choices that lie ahead in reconciling spending

priorities." The annual reports by the IMF visiting teams were confidential until Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, decided to make last year's public. Mr Brown has decided to follow his example and will be questioned on the findings when he appears before this morning's meeting of the Treasury and Civil Service

Key factors in Mr Brown's decision to allow it to be published are clearly its strong endorsement of his decisions and its findings on the minimum wage, which Labour is pledged to introduce nances than he has set during the present Parlia-

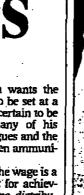
ment. Mr Brown wants the minimum wage to be set at a figure below that certain to be demanded by many of his ministerial colleagues and the unions, and is given ammunition by the report.

It will say that the wage is a blunt instrument for achieving a fairer income distribution and a two-edged sword for rewarding work if set too

The IMF team will say that

It will back the Government's willingness to consider "radical approaches" in areas such as social security to raise spending in priority areas such as health and education. The IMF will conclude that

the economic environment is becoming challenging for the Government. "Behind the impressive macroeconomic performance - strong growth, declining unemployment and low inflation - there now loom imbalances rooted in powerful divergent forces: surging domestic demand. which may accelerate further as windfals boost consumption, and the incipient weak ness of the tradeable goods sector resulting from the



It adds: "At a minimum, as

the experience of other countries shows, lower rates should be specified for youths to alleviate adverse employ-

the new Government has made "an excellent start" in setting a "high standard" for its economic policies. It will praise its actions in making the Bank of England independent, using the Budget to make rapid strides towards sound public finances and initiating the welfare to work

strength of sterling."



Professor Cottingham with his daughter Joanna, wife Myra and son Matthew after being cleared at Reading Crown Court yesterday

Professor cleared of indecent assault

By KATHERINE KNIGHT

A PROFESSOR of Philosophy was cleared by a jury yesterday of indecently assaulting two female students in his

study at Reading University. Professor John Cottingham, 54, the head of the university's philosophy department and an authority on the French philosopher Descartes, said: This has brought home to my colleagues how vulnerable we can be to unscrupulous

His American wife, Myra. who also teaches at the university, and his children Joanna, 17, and Matthew 20, broke down in tears and hugged each other after Judge John Crocker told the professor he

was free to go. The parents of Miss Y, one of the two students who said Professor Cottingham had kissed and fondled them after a garden party last year, fled the court as soon as the verdict

their daughter, who is staying at a secret address with Miss X and did not attend court yesterday. They later left court without commenting.

The students claimed that the professor had invited them to his university room after a garden party last year and then turned the conversation to the Marquis de Sade and talked about whips, chains and pain before trying to kiss them both, unzipping their

PHILOSOPHY }_6 dresses and removing some of their clothing. The jury of eight men and four women at Reading Crown Court took four hours to return their verdicts of not

guilty on two counts of inde-

Afterwards, as he embraced his wife and children, Professor Cottingham said he hoped to return to teaching as soon as possible. He had taken a sabbatical and was concentrating on research in the months leading up to the court case. He said he'd been touched by the number of students who had contacted

him to express their support. This has obviously been a hideous year for myself and my family. I am very glad it had an outcome in which I have been completely vindicated," he said.

"I'd like to thank my dear wife and children for their wonderful support and also all my colleagues and the hundreds of students, past and

present, who have expressed

said, he had been astonished to turn round and see the elder girl undressing herself and apparently performing a kind of striptease. She then told him: "We're into all kinds of sex". Professor Cottingham told the jury the girls had then

iour was not appropriate. Student accusations, page 3

Mafia link

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Blair seeks formula on **IRA** arms

By PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR was striving last night to find a formula to meet Unionist concerns over the disarming of IRA weapons after David Trimble assured him that he had no desire to walk out of the multiparty talks on Northern Ireland.

An 80-minute meeting be tween the Prime Minister and the Ulster Unionist leader failed to reach a breakthrough in the dispute over decommissioning that is the greatest threat to the peace process following the IRA ceasefire announced at the weekend. . But the Prime Minister

promised to look at ways of addressing Mr Trimble's demand that the British and Irish Governments beef up their joint paper on decommissioning. He wants them to make it plain that they both expect the IRA to begin disarming their weapons once they have been allowed into all-party talks in September. He argues that the docu-

ment is so vague in its refer-

ence to "progress on decom-

missioning" that the IRA

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Cut in Oxbridge funding means higher student bills

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MINISTERS were accused last night of pursuing an "old Labour" ideological vendetta by unexpectedly reneging on an agreement to increase funding next term for Oxford and Cambridge colleges.

The decision, which has soured relations between the Government and Britain's top universities, will force next year's students to foot a bill of almost £1 million. Dons fear the move will undermine the two universities' unique individual tutorial system, and is the prelude to an assault on their funding arrangements.

Oxford and Cambridge are the most wealthy universities in Britain. Previous Labour. policies have targetted the college fees, but this year's manifesto carried no hint of the decision to reject a funding formula established by the Conservative Government almost a decade ago.

The fees, unique to the two universities, provide a total of £35 million to maintain the college-based teaching system. A rise of between 3.5 and 3.8 per cent was rubber-stamped by the Conservative Govern-

ment before the general election. But the incoming Labour administration told the universities last month that ministers considered the figure excessive and imposed a 1 per cent rise — in line with other universities.

One college president said:
"It is very disappointing when new Labour professes to value quality education for all to see old habits re-emerging. The money involved is insignificant in government terms but vital for the colleges. It was also scandalously late for such a change in plans."

College bursars said the late change had caused chaos in budgeting. The funding gap could only be made up by raising student rents and kitchen charges, and seeking extra conference business. The dispute comes in ad-

vance of a review of college iees. Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education, to be published tomorrow, is expected to question the justification for the extra fees and to recommend that they be phased out unless the univer-sities can convince ministers that their withdrawal would damage the quality of education

Michael Allen, bursar of Churchill College, Cam-bridge, said: "We feel poised on the edge of a precipice. We will have no alternative but to raise the charges for students next year and, although the university is determined to stand by the collegiate system, it seems that in the long term the Government wants to remove the fees altogether."

A spokeswoman for the Department for Education and Employment said ministers reviewed the fee increase shortly after taking office. They thought it was unfair for the colleges alone to be given 3.8 per cent more when the rest of the higher education system had to manage with a 1 per cent increase."

This year's fees, which vary between colleges, are about £2,600 for undergraduates and £1,600 for postgraduates. The system enables Oxford and Cambridge to base tuition in colleges, rather than the centralised system operated in most British universities.

French announce a windfall tax

The French Government yesterday engineered a tax windfall with an emergency levy on the profits of big business to keep the country on course for European monetary union. Lionel Jospin announced a 15 per cent surcharge on the corporate tax rate affecting the wealthiest firms......Page 14

£31m work boost for lone parents

A thousand personal advisers are to be recruited throughout the country at a cost of £31 million to help to find work for Britain's million lone parents, Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, said. The first 76 advisers are starting work this

Row over Lottery shake-up plans

The Government has been accused of abandoning its manifesto pledge to appoint a non-profit body to operate the National Lottery. Labour also came under fire yesterday for its decision to use El billion from the mid week Lottery sales for health and education

their unfailing support." ery day of the five-day trial

His wife, who attended evwith the children and their local vicar, said: "It's been a terrible year and I am so glad it is over. I want to get my life

Professor Cottingham had told the court that the girls had asked to come to his room. After serving them drinks, he

kissed and he had asked them to leave, saying their behav-

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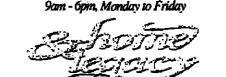
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Man with conviction bounces back to fall foul of fare play

back benches yesterday may have surprised foreign tourists blinking in the Strangers' Gallery. Visitors are told about the ancient privileges a Member enjoys — but to call a cab from the Commons Chamber itself? Where would the taxi draw up? Behind the Speaker's Chair?

To understand requires inknowledge. Patrick Nicholls, a Tory MP, was once convicted of drink-driving. At a party conference he had

houts of "Taxi! Taxi!" driven himself home from a from the government restaurant after dismissing his taxi because he thought the driver wanted too high a fare. The press had a field day and Nicholls was forced to resign as a minister. Journalists and fellow-MPs might have been kinder had he not been famous for his rottweiler attacks. sometimes quite personal, on other politicians. He had to lay low for a while.

> But there is life after these setbacks and Mr Nicholls has just been appointed an Upposition Front Bench spokesman

on Culture, Media and Sport. Yesterday he made a start on the Tory front bench, rising to question a new junior minister. Tom Clarke, whom some say had hoped for a more prominent role in Tony Blair's Government. Had Mr Nicholls been chastened by experience, we wondered? Had he mellowed? He sneered a welcome to Clarke. He hoped he was "comfortable in the Ministry of Culture" but doubted as much because, he snarled. rumour had it that Clarke had hoped to reach the Cabinet



and felt sadly let down. A few MPs sniggered. Tom Clarke is 56 and this

job is probably as far as he will get. An amiable man, he has never, so far as we know, done Nicholis any harm. Anger rose among Labour MPs as they digested his jibe. It was then that the shouts of "taxi!" began. We act in our natures, not in our interests. It is Nicholls's nature to sting, and I rather admire him for it: but it will not have helped his

The shouts of "taxi!" were one of those details of a Commons afternoon which will probably not appear in Hansard, which few who were there will have understood and even fewer cared about, but of which the whips will have made a very careful note. They can be critical in influencing a fellow's prospects.

Or lady's. Minutes before.

Labour's Hazel Blears had asked the day's first Question. Most will hardly yet have noticed the MP for Salford, but we saw a self-possessed and articulate new MP, brimming with enthusiasm, banging the drum for the "Lowrie Centre" in her constituency. From the sea of matchstick men and women which much of the new Parliamentary Labour Party still resembles, an individual was suddenly fleshed out, emerging as real

and positive. Someone, somewhere, will have made a note. Many will have made a note, too, of Francis Maude's reply to the Culture Secretary's statement on the National Lottery. Mr Maude is a "retread" - a former MP who has returned after a spell without a seat. Like his late father (Angus Maude), he is as sharp as a needle. . He has the voice of a stage-villain and the Eagle comic.

Mr Maude also has an uncluttered mind and a relentless prosecuting intellect. His grasp of principle is unerring. Yesterday he went straight for the weaknesses and retreats in Chris Smith's White Paper. and exposed its underlying drift Listening to him. Tory backbenchers will have found - in a speech quite devoid of rhetoric, "vision" or emotional uplift - reason to recover confidence in the integrity of their cause.

Sinn Fein 'will accept interim peace accord'

Martin Fletcher reports on division among republicans

as officials say talks may not lead to a united Ireland

A LEADING Sinn Fein official said yesterday that his party would accept an interim peace accord that fell well short of the united Ireland for which the IRA has fought for

the past quarter century.
The statement by Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's chairman, seemed certain to fuel the significant opposition to the renewed IRA ceasefire among rank-and-file republicans, and could encourage defections to breakaway groups that have not set aside

The Irish Republican Socialist Party, the political wing of the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), issued a statement mocking the ceasefire. It asked: "Has the past 27 years of struggle against repression. imprisonment and death all been aimed at securing seats or nationalists at a revamped Stormont and the copper fastening of partition?"

It called the peace process a "thinly-veiled attempt at pacifying nationalist demands while neutralising republican resistance to the British occupation of Ireland", and claimed that view was shared by "a vast majority of grassroots republican supporters and activists".

Republican Sinn Fein. which is considered the political wing of the Continuity Army Council (CAC), likewise accused Sinn Fein of seeking only a new Stormont rather than a New Ireland free from British rule". It claimed the British had "secured new allies for the restructuring of

their rule in Ireland". Shortly before being admitted for the first time to the peace talks venue at Stormont Castle. Mr McLaughlin told the BBC that Sinn Fein would "bring our analysis which is that the real democratic basis for peace in our country is to have a unitary state".

But he continued: "We are prepared to discuss, and we believe we can develop agreement on transitional arrange-

This was the most explicit statement yet of Sinn Fein's negotiating goal. Writing in Belfast's nationalist Irish News last week. Gerry Adams said that Sinn Fein would seek a "renegotiation" of the union. but subsequently disputed the newspaper's interpretation of that as meaning he was no longer seeking the union's replacement.

Gauging republican senti-ment is hard, but one source close to Mr Adams told The Times that while the IRA's command structure was united behind the ceasefire strategy, perhaps 15 per cent of its 'volunteers' had serious reservations. He agreed that defections to the INLA or CAC were

The Irish Times meanwhile reported a "huge gulf in feeling between the leadership and the base", and claimed that amongst Belfast IRA



McLaughlin: can agree "on transition deal"

members there was at best "passive acquiescence: at worst, open contempt" to-

wards the new ceasefire. The same source acknowledged that Mr Adams' goal vas an "interim settlement better than now" — a radically-reformed administration with much greater Dublin

involvement However words like "interim" and transitional" may remind republican activists of how Michael Collins endorsed British proposals for partitioning Ireland in 1921 because he considered them a "stepping stone" to a free and united island. Eamon de Valera disagreed and the Irish civil war

The source also agreed that Mr Adams and Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, were playing for very high stakes. The 1994 ceasefire had gained nothing: "This is the last ceasefire. It's a simple as that. If this one fails this leadership of Sinn Fein is

In a rare public display of republican dissent. Anthony McIntyre, a former IRA prisoner, wrote in Dublin's Sunday Tribune that "republicans without armed struggle are like birds without wings unable to go anywhere".

He reminded Mr Adams of his own past assertion that the notion that the British can be talked out of Ireland is contemptible*

He claimed that a "significant section of [the republican] base are in no doubt that allparty blether can lead only to what Tony Blair has said it would - no end to partition: no British declaration of intent to withdraw: no united Ireland. Stripped of those elements, the outcome can have no identifiable republican con-



Blair seeks arms formula

would not be forced to give up any weapons at all until the talking was over and an agreement reached, an interpretation supported by Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, when he spoke of the IRA not handing in a "single bullet"

Mr Blair told Mr Trimble that he does expect decommissioning to take place while allparty negotiations proceed. But he was unable to meet a request that the joint paper be amended to reflect that view. The paper has already been

ernments and the IRA's ceasefire decision was clearly based on its contents. A decision to reopen it might therefore put at risk the ceasefire.

Mr Blair is, however, expected to consider over the next two days making plain his understanding that decommissioning should proceed alongside negotiations.

They are to talk again shortly in an attempt to reach agreement before Wednesday's vote at Stormont on the document. But both sides have hinted at the possibility that

that vote could be postponed while Mr Blair attempts to placate the Unionists.

Mr Trimble said he probably would vote against the document as things stood although he maintained that would not end the peace process. "We are not in the mode of walking out." he said. He hinted that he might be prepared to accept assurances from the Prime Minister that decommissioning would take place during talks, even if they were not in the form of amendments to the joint docu-

Sinn Fein claims its place at **Stormont**

By MARTIN FLETCHER CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SINN Fein claimed its offices at Stormont yesterday, less than 24 hours after the IRA renewed its ceasefire, promptng a walkout from the peace talks by unionists.

Gerry Kelly, a convicted RA bomber, and Siobahn O'Hanlon, who was sentenced to seven years for explosive offences, reached the bastion of Ulster Unionism on the edge of Belfast shortly before 10am. The media largely missed their admittance because Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary. was giving a briefing near by. Two hours later Mitchel McLaughlin. Sinn Fein's chairman, drove up with two other Sinn Fein officials, Francie Molloy and Annie Armstrong. This time the cameras were there to record what Mr McLaughlin called "one

small step for humankind". Within minutes of Mr Kelly's arrival. Robert McCartney, leader of the UK Unionist Party, walked out with his negotiating team. "We will not negotiate with anyone who supports violence and who are associated with any group which retains the means of inflicting violence upon others for the attainment of political

objectives," he said. lan Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party did not even go to Stormont yesterday. Peter Robinson, the party's deputy leader said the Government had made no attempt to establish that the ceasefire was genuine. "It's a monumental absurdity that people can call a ceaselire at 12 on Sunday and the Government allows them through the gates of Stormont and into the peace

process at 10 next morning."

Mr McLaughlin said Sinn Fein would meet British ministers "as soon as our diaries permit". A meeting between Mr Adams and Dr Mowlam is expected within days. Sinn Fein will not be able to attend the formal talks until the

NEWS IN BRIEF Goldsmith party faces cash crisis

The Referendum movement founded by the late Sir James Goldsmith is facing a funding crisis after it emerged that the late businessman's family was unlikely to continue back-

ing the group financially. Senior figures in the movement will meet in the next few weeks to work out how to raise money following the death at the weekend of their founder. Sir James ploughed more than £20 million into the

election campaign.

Lord McAlpine, the former Tory party treasurer who succeeded Sir James, said yesterday that the party had a lot of supporters but he doubted it could rely entirely on their subscriptions.

Crash kills two

A student pilot and her instructor died when an RAF training aircraft crashed into a field beside the main runway soon after take-off at RAF Woodvale, near Southport, yesterday afternoon. The Ministry of Defence said the plane was being used by the Liverpool University Air Training Squadron.

Nurses to sue

The British nurses on trial for murder in Saudi Arabia said that they were to sue the American lawyers representing the victim's brother who is demanding the death penalty. In a statement. Lucille Mc-Lauchlan and Deborah Parry accused them of pronouncing them guilty before any evidence was heard in court.

Doctor suspended

Richard Stanley, a consultant breast surgeon at Kettering General Hospital, Northamp ton, has been suspended after concerns were raised about his clinical practice and his breast-care team. There have been no complaints about him and there is nothing wrong with his health.

Ex-pupil sues

A woman is suing her former schools for loss of earnings claiming their failure to diagnose her dyslexia has con-demned her to a life of 'temporary menial tasks". Pamela Phelps, 23. of Hayes End. Middlesex, claimed in the High Court that Hillingdon Borough Council schools had limited her prospects.

Pearl charges

Four people have been charged with illegal pearl fishing in Scotland after a high profile campaign to protect endangered freshwater mussels. Northern Police confirmed that a woman and three men, who have not been named, were charged over the weekend with killing or injuring shellfish.

Britain heads for BSE showdown

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is heading for a showdown today with its European Union partners over demands that they tighten controls on the processing of beef in their abattoirs to protect consumers against

Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, meets his fellow farm ministers in Brussels to seek the introduction throughout Europe of the same strict hygiene controls slaughterhouses. If he fails to reach agreement, Dr Cunningham has said he will ban imports of beef from any countries that have had outbreaks of BSE and do not meet UK abattoir standards.

Dr Cunningham issued that ultimatum to the rest of the EU six weeks ago, saying it was "no game and no bluff". but it remains unclear whether he has the legal power to take unilateral action. Only Ireland has abattoir

controls comparable to those in Britain. Other member

states have argued that the small numbers of BSE cases in their herds, often but by no means exclusively in animals imported from Britain, do not justify such measures.

The Government's scientific advisers maintain that the incidence of BSE on the Continent is higher than has been admitted and that imports now pose the only loophole in the measures taken to ensure that beef is safe to eat.

If Dr Cunningham gets his way, abattoirs throughout the

EU will have to follow British practice by removing and destroying brain, spinal cord. spleen and other "risk materials" that might carry BSE.

The EU's standing veterinary committee last week rejected a proposal on those lines by eight votes to seven. Ireland, France, Sweden, Luxembourg. Holland and Spain voted with Britain. Dr Cunningham will need at least one of the eight countries that voted against last week to switch sides.

Speaker attacks briefings

ment on decommissioning.

By A STAFF REPORTER

UNATTRIBUTABLE Government briefings are jeopardising the rights of MPs and the House of Commons, Betty Boothroyd warned yesterday.

The Speaker rebuked ministers over the growth in cases of off-the-record information given to journalists by ministers, press officers and socalled spin doctors before statements to the Commons. She said: "My impression is that over the last 20 years it

has progressively developed to the point where the rights of

this House are in danger of being overlooked. She added: "If it is to fulfil

its function properly, the House must be the first to hear of important developments in Government policy and I deprecate most strongly any action that is taken that tends to undermine this important principle."
Miss Boothroyd's com-

ments came after the Opposition education spokesman Angela Browning protested in a point of order that BBC Radio had disclosed yesterday that ministers were about to accept unpublished plans to charge students tuition fees.

Mrs Browning said several

BBC Radio news reports "stated quite clearly" that the Government intended to end the principle of free higher education for all, and had accepted the recommendations of Sir Ron Dearing's report into higher education that tuition fees should be charged. The report is due to be published later this week.

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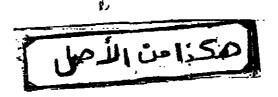


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told how he gave up his prospects of a legal career after one of the women who accused Professor Cottingham of indecent assault made a similar allegation against him in America.

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Ethan Haley, a 26-year-old jazz pianist from Minneapolis. said he went through months of stress when Miss Y accused him of breaking one of her ribs and sexually assaulting her. The accusations came. after they spent a night together, having met in a nightclub in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Miss Y only made her complaint to police seven days later when Mr Haley refused to pay her money she claimed was for a doctor's visit, made necessary after their night together.

Mr Haley was arrested and charged. For five months he denly lived with the prospect of court proceedings until the case was dropped because Miss Y could not be contacted by American

Mr Haley flew to England last week prepared to give evidence for Professor Cottingham but was not called to the witness box. "I knew I wanted to help. I feel the professor was like me, an innocent victim of this girl's bizarre behaviour. Like him, she came into my life at random and nearly

wrecked it," he said. Mr Haley was working in Breckenridge, a ski resort, in

school, when he met Miss Y in the local nightclub. "She came over and asked me for a dance. She danced very suggestively and I don't like dancing much anyway. So I went to sit back down with my friends again. Then she came over and started dancing in front of me in a really sexual way, almost like a striptease. I was a bit embarrassed so I asked her to

sit down and we got talking

for what was left of the night." The two left the nightchib together and re-Haley's house. We started kissing and she part undressed herself. She was being very flirtafonate but sudchanged and

went very cold,

saying, I'm not going to sleep with you'. I said fine, OK, and then she changed again and started being very sexual again. We spent the rest of the night together, although we did not have intercourse, and the next day I walked her back home and took her number." Mr Haley said.

"But later that day she walked into the bar where I was having a drink with friends. She came over and told me I'd broken her rib. I 1993, in his year off before law was really confused. Then she

just turned her back and walked away. That's the last time I ever saw her."

The next day, however, Miss Y's brother, who was working in the same resort, came to Mr Haley's workplace. "He told me that the family had worked out I owed them \$550 for the doctor's bill ... I refused to pay, saying I'd done nothing. He said I would

be hearing from the police." Mr Haley was then contacted by police and asked to give a statement which would be submitted to a lie detector test. He agreed and asked whether

Miss Y had undergone the test. but was told she had refused. arrested and charged with

third degree assault and third degree sexual assault. "I was terrified of telling my parents and scared that people wouldn't believe my story. I went to see the public defender, who told me the best solution was to plea bargain. I

done anything wrong." After several agonising months, Mr Hayley was told the case had been dropped. "They said there would be a no

told him there was nothing to

bargain about as I had not

left feeling deeply upset about the whole thing. It is a real slur on your character. I lived under a cloud for five months and what hurts most now is the sense there will always be a tiny slither of doubt in people's minds about what

really happened."

Mr Hayley said he was first contacted by Professor Cor-tingham's wife. Myra, after she discovered that Miss Y had made an allegation in the United States. "I was reluctant to get involved. It was three years on and my trust had been affected by what hap-pened. But it took a lot of courage for Mrs Cottingham to call me and after talking to her and the professor I realised I wanted to do whatever I could to help."

He said he was struggling with feelings of relief and regret that he did not face Miss Y in court. "I was also angry I didn't get to have my say, because I feel she has wasted so many people's time and caused such distress."

Mr Hayley now works as a jazz musician after graduating with a music degree from Harvard. "I had a place at a well respected law school but I gave it up and changed my career path after what hap-The whole process disillusioned me so much and I was also faced with the prospect that if a complaint was recorded on my file I may not be allowed to study law anyway," he said.



Ethan Haley, now a jazz pianist, was prepared to give evidence of his involvement in 1993 with Miss Y

'She was always going off at deep end'

A SMALL and slightly built 22-year-old redhead, Miss X flew in from America just staying with Miss Y at her parents' home.

Born and raised a Mormon in Salt Lake City, Ohio, she told the court that she had renounced the faith. Aged 18. she went to the Randolph Macon Women's College, a liberal arts and science college in Lynchburg, Virginia, to study English and creative writing. After two years, she came to an annexe at the college in Reading for a oneyear exchange. At the halls of residence she shared with other American students she became known as a rather

MISS X

wild girl prone to bizarre and often aggressive outbursts. The college head gave her a disciplinary warning after complaints from other students. While the jury was out the court was told Miss X

often had rowdy and unsuitable guests in her room and threw things from her window into the courtyard. On one occasion, she threatened a male visitor to the college with a knife and then inflicted cuts on her own body. She had a lot of

problems," one student re-

called. "She was always going

off at the deep end."

MISS Y. 24, comes from a comfortable middle-class background and was brought up in a detached home in a home counties village.

Tall, attractive and slim, she was the second girl to give evidence but was unable to follow her friend directly onto the stand. The case had to be adjourned for a day after she was physically sick through nerves. Miss Y retained her composure until she was cross-examined, when she was often close to tears. Yesterday her mother said the case was deeply upsetting because she had not completed her course at Reading University. "She has been portrayed as some

kind of loose woman which is

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just not true," she said. Those who knew Miss Y at university said she was known as a party girl but had been much quieter in the past year. "There was no shortage of parties and there were lots of different boyfriends," one said. "But this last year she has kept her head down. The general feeling here is that she is a bit odd. She doesn't hold onto friends easily."

Last night Miss Y and Miss X, who met at a university social event last year, were staying at a secret address before Miss X's return to the United States today.

Campus unions tighten relationship guidelines

By Mark Henderson and Richard Ford

allegations of indecent assault and sexual harassment against university lecturers has led all campus unions to draw up detailed guidelines on sexual relationships be-

tween students and tutors. -The Association of University Teachers (AUI), the largest university teaching union, relationship with a student should inform an appropriate superior or colleague. While such a disclosure is strongly advised the union's code of conduct says that "failure to do so should not in itself constitute grounds for disci-

A proposal to ban all sexual

INCREASING numbers of contact between students and lecturers in the union's code of conduct was rejected at its annual conference in 1995. In the United States, a survey in 1995 found that 26 per cent of male lecturers had had an affair with a female student.

Christine Cheeseman, chief executive of the Association of University and College Lecturers, said there was little doubt that more allegations of sexual harassment and bullying against tutors were finding their way to court.

"Perceptions are changing, and behaviour that would not have been reported ten years ago is now coming to light," she said. "Not enough of these allegations are being dealt with internally. It is a management problem as much as anything else."

Meekends return While there are no figures for the number of accusations of indecent assaulty and sexual harassment against lecturers, the number of indecent assaults on women has risen steadily during the past decade from 11,400 in 1985 to a record 17,600 in 1994 before falling to 16,900 in 1995, according to the latest Home Office figures. Seventy per cent of assaults

were cleared up in 1995 though these may have been recorded in an earlier year. In 1995 there were 2,377 convictions for indecent assault on females and 944 people cautioned.

Court considers Cash win weighty matter

By HELEN JOHNSTONE

ming club became suspicious at the scale of their success at the weekly weigh-ins when the pounds appeared to be falling off, a court heard yesterday. They alerted trading stan-dards officers after a slimmer who recorded a loss of I lb on her bathroom scales was told that she had lost 9 lb.

An undercover trading standards officer sent to the slimming club run by Elaine Smith at Dudley Town Hall was told that her weight was plummeting, although she had gained weight during her five-week investigation. Smith, 52, from Stour-

bridge, yesterday appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court on seven charges of knowingly giving false statements under the Trading Standards Act. David Travers, for the prosecurion, said: These are not little errors. These are whopping great differences in veight. It amounts to systematic fraud."

Elisabeth Brough, from Rowley Regis, was told she had lost 9 lb in her first week at the club. She said: "I thought that extraordinary. I

DIETERS attending a slim- had weighed myself at home and I had lost 1 lb." She returned to the club despite her suspicions because it was fun. "All the women were thrilled about the massive weight loss and I got carried along by the flattery."

Jennifer Cook, an inspector

for weights and measures who conducted the investigation into the Elaine Smith Slimming Groups, said that slimmers were distracted by chatter and were not allowed enough time on the scales. The trial continues.



Cook: undercover

by victim of Exocet

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A SHIPS radio officer severely injured in the Iran-Iraq war is believed to be the first civilian to win compensation in an English court for injuries arising from enemy action in a war zone.

his right eye and suffered head injuries which ruined his career and left his memory severely impaired, when his salvage tug was struck by an Exocet missile. Mr Justice Clarke yesterday held that a leading marine salvage com-pany Semco Salvage Ltd had negligently failed to give its tugboat skippers instructions on what to do in the event of an Exocet attack. Colin Waters, of Patrinson & Brewer, solicitors, estimated that Mr Tarrant would be entitled to between £350,000 and £500,000 damages. Mr Tarrant, from Hailgate, Howden, North Yorkshire, was on the salvage tug Salvital when she was struck by an Iraqi Exocet close to Kharg Island in the Persian Gulf on November 13 1987. Two crewmen lost their lives and four were seriously

Nicholas Tarrant, 40, lost

Toddler keeps road awake

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A BOY aged four with a sleep disorder that causes him to bang his head violently has led to complaints to noise Neighbours say they have

not had a proper night's sleep in the three years since Carl Smithers developed the condition, which has left him with a baid spot on the top of his. head. He only occasionally

wakes himself up.

The noise has led to a feud with neighbours in Bridg-water. Somerset, who claim Carl's parents. Bob and Liz,

do not do enough to stop his nocturnal knocking. Daphne Dean, 58, who lives two doors away, said yesterday. "The banging has driven us to distraction. The sound carries right through the terrace. At 3 o'clock one morning the medicine bottles were shaking in the bathroom cabinet."

His parents say they have tried everything including padding the bedroom wall. since their son first developed the spasms when 18 months old. The tactic failed because Carl simply sleep walked to the nearest hard object and began banging. Mr Smithers,

48, said: "Our main worry is he will actually hurt himself. We have spoken to doctors. called a psychologist, seen a social worker but nothing seems to work. The neighbours keep complaining. We have been threatened with eviction. Our neighbours should mind their own business. We are doing everything we can and it is very difficult."

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Lone parents given £31m 'hand up'

Personal advisers are to assist single mothers who want to return to work, reports Alexandra Frean

A THOUSAND personal ad-visers are to be recruited school-age children, will be throughout the country at a cost of £31 million to help to find work for Britain's million lone parents. Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, said yesterday.

The first 76 advisers are starting work in some areas this week in the first of the Welfare To Work programmes to begin operation. The scheme will be expanded nationwide next year.

Launching the initiative in Cambridge, Ms Harman said that for too long single mothers had been unfairly consigned to a life on benefit and labelled as "scroungers". She urged them to take advantage of the new opportunities to find work, adding that the Government would ensure that more and better childcare was available. "We believe that childcare is as much part of the economic intrastructrue as roads." she said.

Single parents, predomi-

invited to meet an adviser who will help them to seek local job and training opportunities, and childcare facilities, and help them to calculate whether they would be better off than on benefit.

A key element of the scheme

is a series of computer points located in jobcentres and other public places, such as librar-ies, which the parents can operate by touching the screens to discover what opportunities might be available. Ms Harman said: "This is a radical new approach to welfare — a personalised, helpful, friendly service that offers a hand up not a handout."

It was "simply not acceptthan a million lone parents bringing up nearly two million children on income support. Alan Howarth, Education and Employment Minister, added that the Government was not seeking to

against their will. He added: "Research suggests that perhaps nine out of ten would like to work if they could overcome practical difficulties."

The scheme will cost £6 million in the first year and E31 million a year once it has been extended. In total, E200 million has been earmarked. The first phase began in Cambridge, Sheffield, Cardiff, Warwick, Warrington and Halesowen

Mothers in Cambridge gave the scheme a cautious welcome. Jean Bowles, 39, with five children aged 6 to 19, has been widowed and divorced. She had had a series of termtime jobs in shops, cleaning and a bank but wanted more steady employment. Being being out of work had sapped her confidence, she said.

Liz Sewell, chief executive of the campaign group Ginger-bread, said employers were beginning to recognise that "people who can manage families and budgets on their own



Harriet Harman with Jean Bowles, a mother of five, who says that lack of work has sapped her confidence

Poverty deprives 2.5m children of meals, toys and trips

POVERTY forces an estimated 25 million children to go without necessities such as three meals a day, toys and school outings, according to a report published today. Fourteen per cent of the population, or 7.5 million people, could be described as poor in 1983, compared

people, in 1990, the study by Bristol University researchers and MORI says. The report bases its classification of poverty on a person's access to a list of items and services identified by the general public in opinion polls as the minimum necessary for an "acceptable way of

The findings will be presented at

the House of Commons today at a meeting of social scientists from 12 European countries, hosted by Clare Short, the International Development Secretary. They show that 10 million people cannot afford adequate housing because their homes are unheated or damp, or because older children must share

Seven million go without essential

clothing, such as a warm waterproof coat, and five million are not properly fed, having only two meals a day or insufficient fresh fruit and vegetables. About 6.5 million cannot afford one or more essential household items, such as a fridge, telephone or carpets, says the report, Breadline Britain in the 1990s.

Seventy per cent of respondents

and 75 per cent of voters (including 70 per cent of Conservative supporters) said they would support a lp in the pound increase in income tax if they thought the money would go directly to relieving poverty.

The report also blames poverty for inequalities in mental and physical health. It said that the poor

down upon. They were more likely to have a long-standing illness or a disability, paid more visits to their GPs and had to wait longer for hospital appointments. "Britain has become an increasingly polarised nation," the report concludes.

The survey was funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and London Weekend Television.

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By ALEXANDRA FREAN

A COUPLE won a High Cour. fight yesterday to learn why social workers turned down their application to adopt a

disabled orphan The husband and wife from Cleveland, who already have children of their own, applied to adopt a five-year-old Bul-garian girl last August. Social workers refused to tell them why they were rejected, and that meant they were unable to seek a judicial review of the

Andrew McFarlane, counsel for the local authority, which cannot be named for legal reasons, said that officials believed they had no power to release the information without a court order.

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, ruled that there was no "real value in withholding the necessary information" from the couple, known in court as Mr and Mrs B. He said: "If no reason is given, these people are left wondering whether there is some dark secret about them, or whether there is something that will inhibit them ever adopting."

Mr McFarlane said that changes in adoption law, due to come into force in November, would allow the council to give the reasons at that point. Both sides agreed to adjourn the case until November. when the couple will attempt to persuade the High Court that the refusal was mistaken

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Don't hold your breath in the vitamin dispute

EATING fruit makes the lungs work better and lengthens life. How this happens is uncertain, and it highlights the dispute over vitamin supplements.

Even as the Food Commission publishes a critical report on health claims by some manufacturers of food supplements, and Birmingham University starts to study the effect of vitamin supplements on stress and intellect in Thorax reports on the influ-

In a study of 2,600 children aged 8-11 in ten schools, the lungs of the pupils who had no fruit were on average 4 per cent less efficient than were those who had fruit once or more a day. Children in the North and Wales were least likely to have an adequate fruit intake.

Having sound lungs is not only important for athletes or advantageous in running for a train, but has an effect on general health. There is evidence of a link between good



function and survival: any greater longevity experienced by patients with good respiratory function is not only the result of an absence of pulmonary disease.

a diet rich in vitamin C. vitamin E and folic acid, as well as beta carotene and other related organic compounds. Which vitamin is responsible for better respiratory function, or whether all play a part, is uncertain. Either way, the research emphasises the importance of the Health Education Authority's call for five portions of fruit or vegetables to be eaten

Few doubt that the best diet is one laden with anti-oxidant vitamins and other trace elements. As life becomes more complex, and more live to

ages at which gastro-intestinal powers of absorbtion can be failing vitamin supplements may be necessary. The aged, the sick, the pregnant, food fadists, heavy drinkers. eat well and leisurely may

It will be a pity if the advantages of, for instance, the Mediterranean diet rich in fruit, vegetables, cheese, fish and wine was discounted because of extravagant claims by a few manufacturers of alternative medicines. It could equally be life-shortening for some other people if they were discouraged from taking vitamin supplements despite their

> **DR THOMAS** STUTTAFORD



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Take That singer accused of spoiling band's clean image Adrian Lee hears High Court claims that Robbie Williams indulged in drink and drugs

THE most charismatic member of the chart-topping band. Take That rebelled against the group's clean-living image and turned to drink and drugs, the High Court was

told yesterday. Robbie Williams arrived at rehearsals hung over and ignored a code of rules by which the five members of the band had agreed to abide. Eventually, he walked out on the group when it was one of the biggest acts in Europe after two No l albums and a string of hit singles, the court

Williams, 23, of Stoke on Trent. Staffordshire, is being sued for the non-payment of commission by Nigel Martin-Smith, who created Take That to appeal to young girls. The rise of the band and its equally sudden demise, undermined by the allegedly increasingly erratic behaviour of Williams. its singer, was described by Richard Millett, representing Mr Martin-Smith. He said the band was founded in 1990, a record deal was signed a year



Take That sought to please their fans' mothers

later, and by 1992 it began to success both nationally and

internationally".

Take That were a novelty. With the exception of Gary Barlow, none of the members had any musical training or any experience of the entertainment industry. "They were a boys' band, marketed at young girls. They were designed to please rather than shock. They were the sort of boys that girls could take home to their mums for tea." Mr Millett said.

To protect that image, there was a code of do's and don'ts. It included not going out unchaperoned and avoiding unplanned interviews. The band members were all committed to the group, nurtured

excellent relations with the media and portrayed them-selves as unattached boys who were likeable and clean living. Williams was the most high

profile, the band's extrovers and funny man. By 1993 Take That was enjoying immense chart success, but a year later Williams's behaviour began to alter. "He began to behave in a manner out of step, out of synchronisation with the rest of Take That, and with the do's

"He began to go out to parties and he developed a iaste for glamorous and flamboyant parties, alcohol and narcotics. Williams was turn-ing up at rehearsals hung over and unprepared to rehearse.

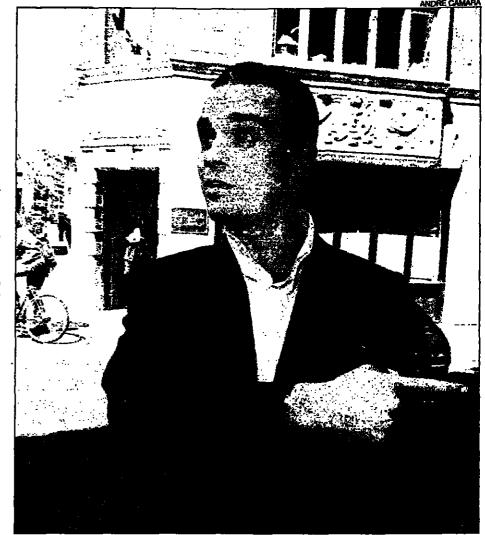
Other band members held a crisis meeting to try to "sort Robbie Williams out". Mr Martin-Smith struggled to keep Take That together but preparations for a tour were marred by the antics of Williams and his uncertainty over was said to have lost interest in Take That and in July 1995

He wanted to stay for another six months but the band, which is now defunct, insisted he should go immediately.

Williams, with cropped hair and wearing a black suit and open-necked white shirt, heard Mr Millett say his client had a binding agreement to receive 20 per cent commis-sion from the pop star. Alwith BMG. Take That's recording company, was bought out by another label when he wen: solo, the deal with the founder and manager of Take That was still in force.

Mr Martin-Smith is claiming damages of several hundred thousand pounds, including record royalties. money from an appearance by Williams on Channel 4's The Big Breakfast and income from a fizzy drinks commercial by Williams.

Williams claims that he does not owe the money because the right to the royal ties ended when he left BMG. The hearing continues



Robbie Williams at the High Court yesterday. He denies owing commission

Boy tells of vain bid to defend mother

By Simon de Bruxelles

A TEN-YEAR-OLD boy and his 12-year-old sister told yesterday how they tried in vain protect their mother from a knife-wielding intruder. Brady Wallace told a jury

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that he hit out at the attacker with a metal pole from a table football game. He wept as he with his mother not to die after the man had stabbed her repeatedly with a kitchen

Brady and his sister. Sacha, were speaking on a two-way video link at Bristol Crown Court Barbara Wallace, 33, died after suffering multiple chest injuries, including the fatal stab wound to the heart at her flat in Bristol in January

Errol Granam, 24, who denies a charge of murder, had had a two month relationship with her but found it very difficult to let go" when she finished the affair, the court was told.

The two children saw the attack and ran to a nearby telephone kiosk to dial 999. Brady said that when he returned to the flat he found his mother dead.

Sacha said she tried to stop her mother's attacker leaving the flat after the stabbing. "I tried to grab him but he was going too fast," she said. Police investigating

murder later found a blood-

stained knife at Mr Graham's home in Horfield. The trial continues.

Executive 'sidelined for box of chocolates'

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN EXECUTIVE said yesterday that he was accused of harassment after he gave a box of chocolates to a woman colleague as a Christmas

Tony Manning, 37, said he left the box of Roses on Yvonne Laurie's desk with a note saying: "If the turkey doesn't get you, these certainly will." The note also wished her a Merry Christmas and added: "I am concerned about These will fatten you up," an

industrial tribunal heard." The BT computer expert said he was "sidelined" to a different job after Miss Laurie, 26, complained that the £1.50 box of chocolates was unwanted attention. He is

sexual discrimination. Mr Manning, a father of two, told the hearing in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, that he gave the chocolates two days before Christmas 1993: "It was just a friendly thing to do. ! was not trying it on with her."

Mr Manning, from Great

Blakenham, near Ipswich, Suffolk, said Miss Laurie had earlier invited him and his eight-vear-old : daughter. Katie, to a pantomime she was directing. At the time he did not realise she had told BT bosses that she felt he had been harassing her outside work. The two had played squash and sent e-mail messages to each other to discuss

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Thief crashed car with woman inside

By A STAFF REPORTER

A CAR thief who drove off under the influence of drink and crashed with an 87-yearold woman still in the vehicle was jailed for five years

yesterday.
Alan Williams stole the car from a Chester car park while its owner, the woman's daughter, was shopping. He sped through the streets and hit several vehicles before turning the car onto its side. Williams

escaped through the surroof leaving Mary Martin trapped inside and one of her daugh-

ter's two dogs dead. He admitted at Chester Crown Court falsely imprison-ing Mrs Martin, threatening to kill her, aggravated vehicle taking, drink-driving and

driving without insurance. During the ride, Mrs Mar tin tried to grab the steering wheel Williams told her: "If you do that again, I'll kill

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Covert cameras planned for key sites in London

system that can check car number plates in seconds is to be introduced at important installations in London and on main roads into the capital. Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner,

will announce today.
The covert system, which is intended to deter bombers. drug smugglers and other criminals, will be used throughout the Metropolitan Police area but prime districts expected to be monitored are Whitehall, Westminster, the royal palaces. Heathrew and ihe Blackwall Tunnel. Other likely areas are where motorways start in the London surburbs. Scotland Yard refused to say how many cameras would be used.

The surveillance system wheme is disclosed in the Commissioner's annual report which shows that violent attacks in London rose by 33.5 per cent between April 1996 and March this year. Sexual offences rose by 26.3 per cent. The report also shows that in spite of Operation Eagle Eye. a campaign against muggers. street crime continued to rise though at a lower rate than in previous years.

The Metropolitan Police was unable to put a cost on introducing the automatic number plate recognition system which has been in use with the City of London Police since February. However, they believe it will be an effective counter-terrorist

Richard Ford

reports on the system that can

check suspect car

number plates within seconds

detect other serious crimes. Sir Paul says: "We must not become complacent by our recent successes. I believe this system will detect and prevent many different crimes and help us to protect the people of London against the ever-

present terrorist threat". The cameras read number nlates of moving or stationery vehicles and within four seconds the plate is scanned and automatically checked against records on the Police National Computer. Officers in a control room are alerted if the car

The system, using computer software, can be linked to video cameras already installed in London and has also been introduced at Calais and Folkestone allowing police in Kent to check motorists using the Channel Tunnel.

In the City of London the system is easier to operate because the "ring of steel" has restricted the number of entry points to the financial centre.

Between February 3 and April 13 the system led to 47 arrests and 1,045 follow-ups where cars were tracked or stopped in connection with crime.

Sir Paul's report shows that recorded crime rose by 2.3 per cent to 841,799 offences between April 1996 and March this year compared with 822,596 offences in the I2 months to March 1996.

There were 53,721 violent crimes against the person in the same period compared to the 12 months to March 1996, sexual offences rose by 26.3 per cent to 7,708 and robbery by 8.4 per cent to 32,649. Burglary fell by 5.2 per cent to 161.377 and murder from 140 to 127, the lowest for 15 years. Sir Paul said he was disappointed that muggings and other street crime had risen.

Robbery of personal proper-ty reached 28,411 compared with 26,958 in the 12 months to March 1996 and theft from persons was 25.711, an increase of 711.

Sir Paul says that Opera-tion Eagle Eye in areas with serious mugging problems has led to the emergence of the "travelling robber" who moves to other parts of London in an effort to avoid being caught. He adds: "Street robbers have also been involved in 'steaming' offences in premises such as building societies, where a group of street robbers use their collective presence to engender a fear of violence in victims

before stealing from them."



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Diana, Princess of Wales, back from her holiday in France, meets Holly Ann Robinson March, a chemotherapy patient at Northwick Park Hospital, near Harrow, during a visit to unveil a foundation stone for a child casualty centre

Jealous flatmate 'spiked friend's insulin supply'

By MARK HENDERSON

A TEENAGER who could not bear to see his diabetic flatmate dating his former girlfriend spiked his friend's insulin, possibly with bleach. leaving him critically ill. a

coule was told yesterday. Matt Wright, 19, from Ashford, Kent, doctored Tommy Roderick's supply of insulin with an alkaline substance when he became jealous of his friend's relationship with Maxine Fletcher, 18, whom he had dated for 18 months, a jury at Maidstone Crown Court was told.

Mr Roderick spent several days seriously ill in hospital after injecting himself repeat-edly with the contaminated insulin and communed to take the poisoned supply after he had been discharged. Doctors thought he was suffering from an infection, unaware that the insulin had been tampered with Mr Roderick stopped taking it only when he noticed his supply was discoloured and bought a new bottle.

Robin Johnson, for the prosecution, said that Mr Wright could not bear to see Miss Fletcher and Mr Roderick together. It's clear that the defendant resented the fact that the woman he wanted was there in front of him kissing and cuddling his

He said that Mr Wright deliberately put a noxious. substance into Mr Roderick's insulin, which he kept in a paper bag in the kitchen of the pair's shared flat. "There was a deliberate and cynical action which Mr Wright was bound

to know would cause serious consequences," he said. Mr Roderick began to feel ill

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two weeks after he began dating Miss Fletcher. He vomited soon after injecting himself with insulin on August 25 last year. He was taken to hospital suffering from high blood sugar. Doctors feared that his condition was life threatening, the court was told. He improved after taking fresh insulin in hospital but his symptoms returned when he took the contaminated supply again when he was discharged.

Mr Johnson told the court that Mr Wright had admitted tampering with the insulin to a girl he wanted to date. "The word she remembered was disinfectant but what was put into that insulin will probably never be known," he said. When Mr Wright was arrested, police removed a bottle of bleach from the flat

Mr Roderick's father. Thomas, remembered Mr Wright asking_what would happen if his son could not take the drug. Mr Johnson

Miss Fletcher told the court that Mr Wright had written her several letters in an attempt to win her back. "I said I wasn't interested in going back out with him but I didn't mind being friends," she said. Mr Wright denies causing grievous bodily harm with intent and causing a noxious substance to be administered

or taken so as to endanger life.

Dean resigns from Lincoln Cathedral at Carey's urging



Jackson: innings closed

THE Dean of Lincoln vesterday at the Gothic masterpiece.

"It has become increasingly clear to me that I have been at the wicket too long. There is no chance at all of a result and, therefore, the only sensi-

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ets, with runs to be scored and games to be wor. Future prospects are

He and Canon Rex Davis, the subdean, were asked to resign more than a year ago by the archbishop, Dr George Carey. Trouble between the two men began in the late 1980s after a fundraising trip to Australia headed by Canon Davis incurred losses of more than £50,000. Dr

Freestone, a former cathedral verger. alleged that he had attempted sexual

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev Robert Hardy, said that he hoped Canon Davis would leave too. The canon declined to comment except to say that he felt the dean's resignation "had not changed

The dean, who is to take a sixmonth sabbatical, has not decided

receive the standard clergy lump sum payment of £26,500, plus a pension of about £11,000. He said: "In terms of my leaving, no compen-sation has been asked for and none

has been offered."

Dr Jackson said that he would continue to fulfil his duties as dean but added: "I shall begin to wind down and seek to distance myself and my wife from some of the day-today stress and pressures inflicted upon us." He said he had also ively severs all practical links with the cathedral. Bishop Hardy has granted him the title Dean Emeritus. The bishop said: "It is good that

the dean, after 12 months, has acceded to the archbishop's request for his resignation. It puts an end to the uncertainty and enables us in Lincoln to look ahead. I hope very much that the sub-dean will take the me course of action.

"It has all been very painful for me, my family, for the cathedral, the whole community and, of course, the individuals involved."

Man, 78, jailed for abuse 39 years ago

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who preyed on three girls was yesterday sentenced to one year's imprisonment, 39 years after the first offences.

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Alexander Currie, 78, admitted using lewd and libidinous practices towards three girls at Stirling: The offences, involving the abuse of two girls from 1958 to 1963, and of another girl in 1995, came to light when the most recent victim

The case was delayed at Stirling Sheriff Court until a " police doctor's report found Currie fit for custody. He has a heart complaint and suffers from senile dementia.

The attacks started when the girls were aged between six and ten. Two of his victims are now aged 45 and 49. On one occasion in 1960. while his family were at church, he hured one girl, aged eight, into his bed and simil-

lated sexual intercourse. Sheriff Robert Younger told Currie "In view of your age and failing health, I'm sen tencing you to one year's imprisonment. That is less in my opinion than your guilt die these charges would normally deserve. The judge also ordered a six-month super = 1

vised release because there, was a risk he would reoffend Depute fiscal Laura Miller said the earlier offences came to light only after the most recent victim complained about Currie touching her. over several months and social workers were called in.
Mrs Miller said the girl, then seven, told social workers he had touched her when he was

shaving.
Of the earlier offences, Mrs Miller said: "There were other" family members in the house but they were unaware of

what was happening.

George Pollock, for the defence, said: "His family appear to be willing to accept him and forgive him and look

wife, Mary, are to leave Lincoln and resigned his canonry, which effect-BY RUTH GLEDHILL. ble thing to do is to declare the fault. Two years ago the dean was innings closed. There are other buy a retirement home. On his AND PAUL WILKINSON acquitted by a consistory court of grounds with more favourable wickconduct unbecoming after Verity retirement, the dean can expect to



announced his resignation from the cathedral "specifically at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury and at quite some personal cost". The Very Rev Brandon Jackson's decision is expected to end an era of strife He said in a statement vesterday.

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Jackson, 63, said his leaving did not amount to an admission of guilt or on a new appointment. He and his

Allan Rogers MP

Yesterday's Diary item
"Straight Talk" about the war
of words between Dr Adrian
Rogers and Ben Bradshaw,
MP for Exeter, was mistakenly accompanied in some edi-tions with a photograph of Allan Rogers, MP for Rhondda, who is in no way involved in the dispute described. We apologise for the confusion

Robert Broudie

An article ("Solicitor wins sex bias case", April 5) reported an industrial tribunal case against a Liverpool solicitor. Robert M. Broudie. The tribunal said on the facts in dispute it found Mr Broudie's evidence persuasive. It rejected the applicant's claims that Mr Broudie had pestered her with offers of romance, kissed her shoulder at an office party, peered through the window of her home, demanded the return of a cake and made telephone calls to her home causing the break-up of a relationship. The applicant recorded only one conversation with Mr Broudie, which to some extent supported his version of events. We apologise to Mr Broudie for not

Lord Justice Staughton did not say, as mistakenly reported in an appeal court case relating to the employment of clergy (report, July 12), that there was no address for God, and that He could not be served with documents.

Driver with past takes a turning into the Church

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

A FORMER drug addict who served time in jail for a stabbing has become a Church of Scotland minister. hundreds of pounds satisfying a craving for amphetamines, camabis and cocaine. He said: "I was involved in some The Rev Cameron McKenzie was converted when he was working as a minicab driver, after a spiritualist passenger shocked him by knowing de-tails of his life that he had kept

Mr McKenzie, 37, who was ordained last week and serves in Haddington, East Lothian, said: "I wouldn't say that I found God; He came looking for me,"

Known during his youth as "Carnmy", he served two years in jail for a revenge stabbing, and after his release spent



McKenzie involved in "heavy stuff"

heavy duty stuff - drugs, drink and dishonesty. I was never into house-breaking the dishonesty was more to do with ripping off the authorities, the social security and the taxman. "I saw them as legitimate targets. I was into drugs in a

big way. I was on dope, LSD, speed, acid, occasionally coke, and some pills." His life changed in 1987, when a female passenger in his cab told him she was a

spiritualist and began describ-

ing his life. Mr McKenzie said: "When I turned round to get my two quid fare. I also got the story of my life. She told me things about my life that even my own mother couldn't have possibly known.

She finished by telling me there was a great black cloud hanging over my life, and the only person that could take it away was God." After chatting with friends,

Mr McKenzie started to take an interest in religion. Initially he attended Christian house gatherings and later joined his local church before seeking

Judge condemns Nigerian fraudsters

A JUDGE born in the West Indies sent three Nigerian fraudsters to prison vesterday and said: "I am going to make an observation which other judges rannot make because they might be accused of heing racist. This sort of offence is being committed by welleducated Nigerians.

Recorder Leonard Woodley, QC, who is British but was born on the Caribbean island of Trinidad, said that he was imposing tough sentences as a deterrent to others.

None of the convicted men had had the "courage or decency" to plead guilty, he told Southwark Crown Court. The three men had a trunk of 12 million

pieces of paper, coated in black starch, and cut to the size of American \$100 notes. They pretended that it was money

that had been coloured black so it could be taken out of Nigeria, and that it needed an expensive chemical to wash away the starch.

Lester Turner, an American lawyer from Harbour Springs, Michigan, was fooled into paying the Nigerians \$28,200 (£16,500) for the paper in the expectation of making a profit out of the deal when the "money" was deaned.

Police had been keeping the gang under surveillance and the three were arrested after an undercover officer calling himself Carl Alexander told them that he was prepared to pay £20,000 for the worthless pieces of paper. All three were convicted of conspiracy to defraud and deception.

Yesterday the ringleader, Ibrahim Dumuje, 41, a company director, from

Edgware, northwest London, was jailed for four years. Charles Oba, 41, unemployed, from Kingsbury, northwest London, was sentenced to three years. and Victor Adim, 38, unemployed, from

Cricklewood, was given two years.

The judge revealed that Dumuje was a well-known businessman in Nigeria and had been earning more than £100,000 a year. He was the director of a travel company and before his arrest he hadpolitical aspirations in his homeland Adim was said to have obtained a degree at Middlesex University and had later gained an MA in business administration.

The judge said: "You tried to pull the wood over the eyes of the jury. I cannot understand how on earth you thought you could get away with it."

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Spiked frien Hospitals' Hospitals' plans for disaster condemned

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS are badly pre- broad background of experipared for major disasters such as train crashes and fires, a survey published today

Emergency teams are usually not given clear enough instructions to be effective. according to the study of nearly 150 hospitals handling at least 30,000 emergency patients a year each.

Although the NHS Executive told hospitals in 1990 to draw up guidance on assembling teams to handle major incidents, half the plans failed to list all the members required. Only a third of the teams contained both a surgeon and an angesthetist

Few of the hospitals distinguished between surgical and medical resuscitation teams, says the survey carried out for the Royal College of Surgeons. In almost half the teams the leader was a doctor in training. Members of the mobile teams sent to the scene were invariably junior doctors with the least experience.

The report says that plans seem to be based on which staff were available rather than on the skills and experience needed. Plans failed to name individuals needed in

Experience has shown that major incidents may result in a large number of clinical conditions, not just multiple trauma," the report says. "A

fore essential." It was better to send senior clinicians in emergency medicine than surgeons with little experience of chest pain or respiratory burns.

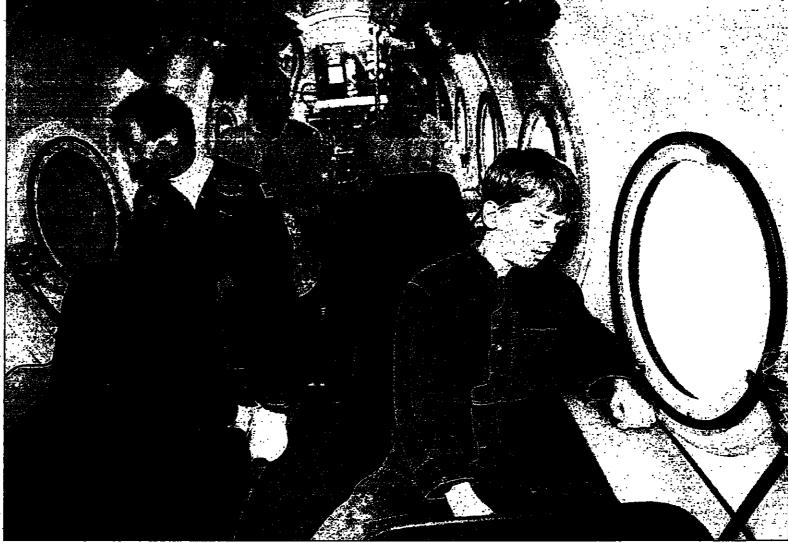
"Many plans use surgeons in an unfamiliar role when they might be better employed in the receiving hospital," says the report in Pre-Hospital Immediate Care, a specialist magazine produced by the British Medical Association.

The routine use of sur-geons in mobile medical teams may result in an unnecessary depletion of a receiving hospitals' surgical resource . . .

Modern techniques of res-cue and extrication have greatly reduced the need for onscene surgery. Most patients with a requirement for surgery will be moved from the scene rapidly, often before a mobile team can be assembled and transported. When onscene surgery is required, it is limited almost exclusively to amputation."
The report says that well-

trained, experienced staff are essential. Where it is impossible to provide a full team of specialists from one hospital, arrangements for sharing consultants must be made.

Major incident planners should review plans for the pre-hospital response to major incidents in the light of these



Alan Whitfield, the pilot, left, and his son Jan, right, on a trial dive beneath Windermere. The crew hope to take paying customers soon

Windermere launches in-depth adventure

By Russell Jenkins

A FINNISH-BUILT submarine that will take tourists to the bottom of Windermere for an adrenalin-filled hour of exploration was put through its paces yesterday.

Speeding water skiers and gentler steamboats were quickly lost to view as the tenpassenger Mergo descended through beautiful translucent green to murky darkness.

More than 100ft below the surface the craft touched bottom, throwing up silt and debris. Powerful lights searched for aquatic life or wrecks beyond the immediate fog. Only yards away were the remains of an experimental paraffin-fuelled aircraft that crashlanded without its pilot

off Ringing Crag in 1917.

Further into the murk were pike, perch. stickleback. the rare Arctic char and the mysterious wrecks of many a holed steamboat, as well as several Shorts Sunderland The Mergo submarine passes an old steamboat on Windermere before diving

flying boats of the Second World War which, according to legend, were scuttled near by in 200ft of water.

The submarine will soon ply for trade, at £49.50 for an hour's dive under Winder-mere, the biggest lake in England. The crew, led by Alan Whitfield, director of Silvercrest Submarines. based in Cirencester, is still looking for rewarding sites. Although there is little but zooplankton to see at the moment — scarcely sensationtablished, the crew want to be al to a generation brought up on televised Jacques Cousteau an old steamboat called the programmes - the dives are being billed as the only chance to become a submariner in Britain short of joining the Royal Navy.

Mr Whitfield said: "Where you are going, no man has ever been before. It is the

underwater equivalent of going to Mars." When the

Whitfield is discussing possible sites with the Steam Boat Museum in Bowness. Mike Smith, the co-pilot,

said: "It is quite possible we

submarine excursions are es-

able to investigate the site of

Elfin that sank off Ambleside

in 1927 in 60ft of water. Mr

will move the operation up to Ambleside. We are certain there are better diving conditions in that water basin. That is where they were dumping the old steam boats in the late 1940s when they

became obsolete." The advent of submarine travel on Windermere has been greeted with only minor alarm by the lake's anglers. who fear for the future of the Arctic char. a throwback to

the Ice Age.
Silvercrest brought the Helsinki-built Mergo back from an unsatisfactory sojourn in the Florida Keys. The craft takes the place of a smaller submarine that took paving customers for two summers under the surface of Loch Ness. Mr Whitfield acknowledges that they never saw any sign of Nessie but they did hear strange sounds during "black-water dives". They hope that Win-

ous with her secrets.

RAC puts London's 15,000 lost drivers on the map

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 15,000 motorists are lost in London at any one moment because of dilapidat-ed or non-existent road signs.

the RAC claimed yesterday.

The absence of clear streetside information is forcing thousands of drivers to cause unnecessary congestion throughout the day, the motoring organisation said. It is proposing a £15 million programme of replacing or erecting signs as part of a string of measures to counter traffic hold-ups that could be introduced swiftly and relatively

In a report on transport policies in the capital, the RAC issued a warning that the Government's long-term plans for a new transport policy would not be taken seriously unless ministers took action on short-term

The RAC's blueprint for action demands that ministers make it a priority to create a city-wide transport authority to co-ordinate roadworks and street closures.

More cycle parking facilities and wider use of home delivery services by supermarkets could ease London's traffic problems relatively cheaply, the report. Transport Policies for London, says.

The report also recommends that high quality, se-cure motorcycle and bicycle parking facilities should be provided at rail stations and in West End shopping areas. The red route schemes that prevent parking on bus routes should be extended to priority routes and there should be tougher implementation of parking

Edmund King, the RAC's head of campaigns, said: "We have identified several areas which should be given an immediate priority and must not be delayed by the Government's transport policy review.

"We are proposing small, solid steps which, taken together, can ease congestion. If we cannot take these steps, more ambitious and costly measures will remain beyond

Mentally ill 'left alone'

BY OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

TOO many psychiatric patients are left on hospital wards with too little to do, the independent Mental Health Act-Commission said yesterday. The patients have limited opportunites to talk to the staff and the distribution medicines is the "main therapeutic component of the day".

The commission's biennial

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time in a decade there are signs that the number of people detained under the 1983 Mental Health Act is levelling off, after rising by 53 per cent in the early 1990s. There are now 26.100 a year. Once admitted they are likely to find staff are preoccupied with those who are at risk or need special observation. Women rarely had a choice of single sex wards.

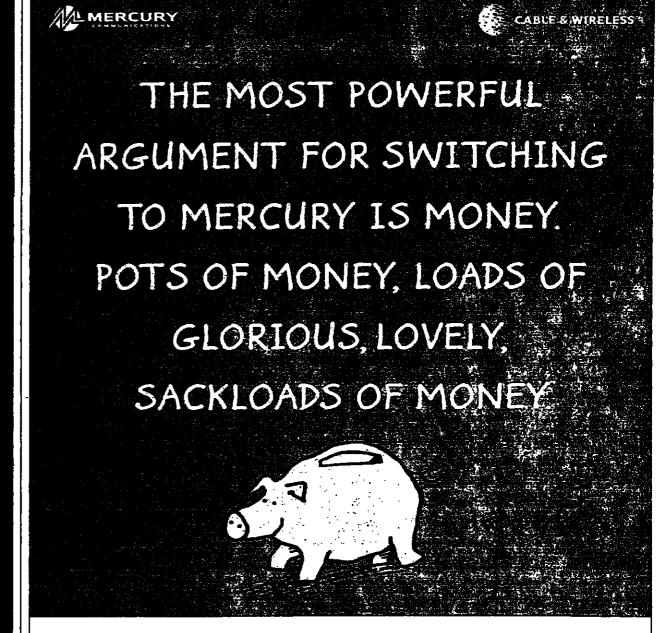
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Minister who is determined to relinquish his empire

WHITEHALL EDITOR

IT IS rare for a Cabinet minister to volunteer the stripping of his empire. But when Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, publishes his White Paper on devolution today he will be taking the first big step towards giving up responsi-bility for spending £7,000 million a year to the proposed Welsh assembly.

Under the plan, he will also lose about 2,000 civil servants, who will work for the all-party new assembly, and his two junior ministers. He will, however, remain as a voice for Wales in the Cabinet and in Europe. He will also be an exofficio member of the assembly, observing its work and making statements to it. He is expected to retain an office, his Permanent Secretary and a staff of between 50 and 100

Mr Davies, a vehement anti-devolutionist in 1979 when Wales rejected the proposition, has become a devotee with a passionate distaste for "rule by governor-general in Wales". Since he arrived at the Welsh Office in May he has worked relentlessly with officials on the White Paper. It has been ready for weeks and there was some disappointment in the department when they were made to wait until the Scottish proposals were ready before they could

Under the proposals, the Welsh Secretary will continue to act as the conduit between the Cabinet. Whitehall and the assembly. He would also be

THE WHITEHALL REVOLUTION

In a series of articles, there writers are exam Government's efforts to bring a fresh approach to

funds for Wales in the regular public spending rounds with the Treasury. Welsh Office staff will also continue to be part of the career Civil

There will, however, be an inevitable culture shock for staff who will be working for all parties. Mr Davies is determined that the assembly must be as "inclusive" as possible and he wants it to be open and flexible in the way it deals with the Opposition

It is likely that it will take about two years to set up an assembly and organise elec-tions for the 60 places - 40 constituency seats and another 20 to be decided by proportional representation. Regional committees will also be set up to influence the assembly. The Government has decided there is no reason why Welsh Labour MPs cannot also stand sit on the

Crucial to the success of the assembly is a new organisation acting as the economic powerhouse for Wales. Mr Davies will outline his idea to beef up the Welsh Development Agency in the White Paper. It is expected to take

over the work of the Development Board for Rural Wales and the Land Authority for Wales to create a massive new body to encourage inward investment, new business and

Other quangos and public bodiès, however, will be dismantled to allow the assembly much greater input on vital issues such as housing. Only those set up by royal charter or which offer truly specialist advice are likely to be

It has not been an easy ride for Mr Davies. Little outside Wales, he quickly established a reputation as a bruiser when he was accused by the Labour MP

The In-Tray

Reform of quangos: manifesto pledge to

dismantle Welsh quangocracy, some 120 bodies running everything from housing to

Education: a special education taskforce

to improve links between education with skills training. Creation of family literacy

centres for parents and children

niil farms, usually stuffed with Conservative

Llew Smith, a Welsh devosceptic, of threatening to expel him from the party if he spoke against the assembly. Mr Davies robustly denied the charge, but the Tory Opposition is determined to continue exploiting the

disharmony.

with another run-in for Mr Davies. He decided to scrap the list of "boyos" selected for possible public appointments and to start a new register. The decision infuriated Whitehall departments. Mr Davies got his way, but a Welsh Office source said: They tried to tell Ron that now he was in Government the trick was to-

sound radical not to do any-

The episode also coincided

thing radical. They picked the wrong man.'

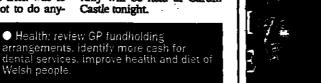
Mr Davies is buoyed by recent opinion poll findings. which show that Welsh voters critical

support.
The White Paper will be available from today at bookshops throughout Wales

two to one, but he is determined that there should be a

are backing an assembly by convincing yes vote to endorse the policy. The strategy will be for Tony Blair to visit Wales at periods to boost

and from the Stationery Office. A short version will be sent to every Weish household next month. A pro-devolution rally will be held at Cardiff



expansion at Cardiff Airport. Welsh assembly: ministers must decide the site. The favourites are the former Coal

Exchange in Cardiff or Cardiff City Hall. Jobs: implement Welfare to Work and encourage more inward investment

Transport: more work to improve

RON DAVIES: ecrotary of State Aged 50. Bright but abrasive operator who likes his own way. Often tetchy, outspoken and spars with officials to test ideas. Detests old Labour label. Passionate about animals and the countryside. Opposes fox-hunting. Began learning Welsh while in Opposition. A strong Commons fixer who can help to win over the Left.



The Welsh Office

Aged, 47. Born in Nairobi and educated in South Africa. Was prominent anti-apartheid campaigne in his younger days. Clever, ambitious and careerist. A former editor of Tribune, he has strong credent with Labour Left. Chosen by Blair to see through devolution for Wales. His rise will depend on it.

WIN CRIFFITHS: Aged 54: Born in South Africa but

grew up in Brecon. Former history teacher, MEP, and former vice-president of the European Parliament. Calm, reliable, efficient



RACHEL LONAX: Aged 52. Whitehall high-flyer Educated at Cheltenham Ladies' College. Tipped to become next Permanent Secretary at the Treasury furned down chance to head Tony Blairs policy unit but has outside Butler as Cabinet Secretary.

HUW ROBERTS: special adviser Aged 50. A former Welsh Office press officer who orked for ITN and South Wales Electricity. Has a lot of political nous and has quickly won trust of Ron Davies.

Smith to monitor **Bland** inquiry

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS SMITH will call in the police if an internal inquiry backs allegations that Hamilton Bland, a BBC swimming commentator, has been in-volved in a conflict of interest over National Lottery money distribution.

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has initiated a speedy inquiry into the allegations reported in The Times last week. The inquiry, which is due to report before the end of the month, is being carried out by senior audit of-ficials within the department and the English Sports Counnight made clear that the council's own handling of the mat-

ter was also under scrutiny. There has been concern that the council apparently ignored early warning signs of Mr Bland's involvement.

Sources close to the department said Mr Smith would immediately refer the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions if the allegations are substantiated. The sources added that the Sports Council, which distributes lottery cash and is given funding by Mr Smith's department, might be advised to sack Mr Bland if the allegations were proved.

Mr Bland has an official role recommending to the sports council which swimming pool bids should receive lottery money. But according to an investigation by The Times, he also has a profitable business as a consultant to voluntary organisations who want to secure lottery funding to build pools.

The sports council raised concerns about Mr Bland's multiple business interests two years ago, but the Amateur Swimming Association still renewed his contract as its facilities consultant.

Since then more than £80 million has been allocated from lottery funds to build new pools and the association is seeking a further E500 million for 19 more Olympic-size pools and dozens of smaller pools.

Mr Bland does declare to the association which organisations he represents and is not involved in making recommendations on whether these - pools should get cash. -

Ministers defeated in Lords

POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government yesterday suffered its third parliamentary defeat when peers supported Conservative changes to plans for a referendum on Scottish devolution.

The House of Lords voted by 149 to 132 in favour of a Tory amendment to ensure that the referendum will be on taxes. The Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Bill, which came up for its report stage in the Lords yesterday, initially referred to only the more general "tax varying powers" of a Scottish parliament. Although ministers have said that the parliament will be able to change only income taxes, the Tories insisted that the power should be spelt out on the face of the Referendums

The defeat will be overturned in the Commons later this month by Labour's large

majority but the move will allow Tory spokesmen to focus on the fears of possible tax rises for the Scottish people.

Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, Tory spokesman on Scottish matters in the Lords, said: This crossbench amendment would ensure that, whatever their current intention, neither this nor any future government could use the authority of this referendum to claim that the Scottish people had voted for more general taxraising powers."

Student debts 'sale' to raise £3 bn

By POLLY NEWTON POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government's plans to "sell" student debts for future collection by private operators will benefit the whole education service, Stephen Byers, Education Minister, said yes-

Mr Byers said the sale was expected to raise El.6. billion for the Treasury in this financial year and £1.5 billion in 1997/98. Twenty financial institutions were already com-

peting to buy the loans, he told MPs. Speaking during a debate on the second reading of the Student Loans Bill, which will allow for the sale, Mr Byers said that the initiative had come from the previous Government.

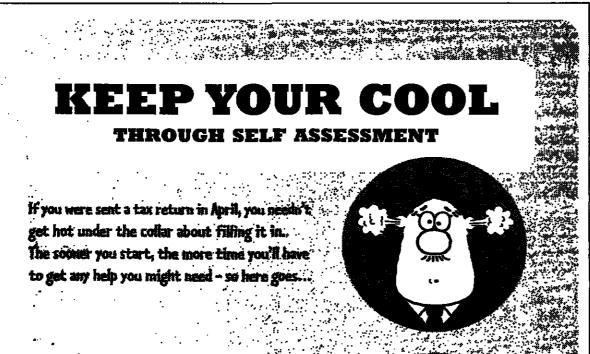
However, Labour had ledged in its manifesto to adhere to the Conservative's spending plans for the next two years and therefore had to implement the policy. "If that money was not raised, there would be difficulties as far as the education and employ ment budget is concerned." Mr Byers said the scheme would have to be subsidised by the Government to make it attractive to the private sector, but that subsidy would be set

at the lowest possible level. The interests of students would be protected through an independent complaints procedure and through regula tion by the Government of loan terms and conditions. Mr Byers said: "Selling the loans and transferring the risk of

inevitably means the purchaser has to take over responsibility for loans and administration but this doesn't mean that borrowers will be abandoned."

The move was welcomed by Angela Browning Shadow Education Minister, who applauded the decision to continue the plans of the previous

The Bill was given a second reading by 267 votes to three, a government majority of 264.



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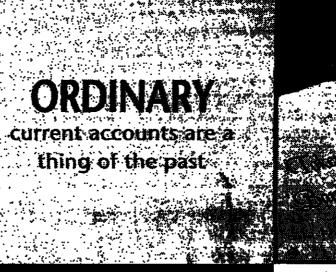
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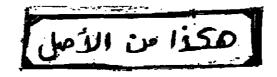
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over village operas THE Garsington Opera Festival, which villagers disrupted with hedge trimmers and lawnmowers last month in protest at booming performances of Strauss and Haydn, is to be prosecuted for the second time in three years for causing noise pollution. South Oxfordshire District

Council's licensing committee decided yesterday to take Leonard Ingrams, the festival organiser, to court after a report found three performances of the Richard Strauss opera Die Aegyptishee Helena breached the noise levels allowed by the festival's

Stephen Turner, an environmental health officer, said the 55-piece orchestra that per-formed the work had been excessively loud. "I felt there was unacceptable intrusion on the Strauss evenings and at the moment I do not see any immediate resolution to the problem." The Strauss opera is known as a particularly noisv work.

The open-air festival, held by Mr Ingrams in the grounds of his Jacobean manor house, has been a source of tension in the Oxfordshire village since it began nine years ago. Residents say performances shatter the peace of their summer evenings and ruin their quali-

Last month they organised a

noisy protest to greet the opening night of this year's 23 performances, switching on their lawnmowers and trimmers as the orchestra played the opening bars of Hayda's Le Pescatrici. Car alarms were set off and one villager buzzed

lives 70 yards from Garsing-

ton Manor, said the musicians

had repeatedly breached noise

levels set out in the festival's

appalling for the residents. It

precluded them from going to sleep," he said. Performances

of the Haydn work and Mo-

zart's Cosi fan tutte were not

Ms Waud, a social worker,

said her campaign against the

festival would go on until it

was stopped by the courts. This decision is a long time

overdue and it is about time

something was done to stop

His wife, Rosalind, said the

festival had done its best to

curtail noise pollution with

soundproof curtains, and that

many residents of the village

did not find it too loud. The

majority of people in Garsington are in favour of

the opera and even come to the

Mr Ingrams,"

so intrusive, residents said.

The Strauss opera was

'Stressful' Strauss

leads to new case

the operagoers in a light aircraft. Mr Ingrams, the brother of Richard Ingrams, the former editor of *Private Eye* and now editor of The Oldie, was fined El.000 for causing noise pollu-tion in 1994, although his conviction was quashed on

This February he won approval from the Department ue the festival for seven years, subject to a licence from South

Oxfordshire council. Residents said the Strauss opera had caused the most nuisance. Anne Tomlin, chairman of Garsington parish council, said: "Strauss was the loudest. If you had a young child going to sleep you could hear the music."

Paul Hunter, a farmer, said the brassy sounds of the German opera had been al-most unbearable. "In particular, it was the Strauss. I was able to hear the opera over the normal level of my television, despite the windows and doors being closed."

Nathan Millard, a solicitor



Sir Edwin beside a bust of Sir Henry Tate, the gallery's founder, yesterday

Shy millionaire finally explains £7m gift to Tate

THE shy millionaire who made the biggest single donation to the Tate Gallery chose the occasion of its centenary yesterday to explain his generosity.

Sir Edwin Manton, who had craved anonymity and was only recently discovered to be behind a £7 million gift, said he was indebted to a member of the Tate's staff whose advice stopped him buying fake Con-stables. A further motive for the gift was avoiding tax.

Sir Edwin, 88, who was born in Earls Colne, Essex, but has lived in America for 60 years and made a fortune in insurance, donated the £7 million towards the E31 million Tate Gallery Centenary Development at Millbank in 1992. He also promised a bequest of up to £5 million and the gift of a recently discovered Constable,

was addicted to buying watercolours, oil paintings and sketches by Constable. "I was born 20 miles from where Constable was born so perhaps it is nostalgic. I'm a compulsive buyer. I do not look upon investing as an investment. It's better to buy art than bottles of Scotch. I'm not sure how many I've got

50-odd I suppose."

Sir Edwin, who started collecting in 1945, said he had not always bought what he thought he had. The first one I bought turned out not to be

by Constable at all. I was right about 50 per cent of the Parris, deputy keeper of the British collection at the gal-lery, who has advised him for many years and alerted him to the Glebe Farm, which was discovered in America two version of the subject. Two

display in November. He added: "I made my gift anonymously to protect myself. It was not a noble feeling. I was simply protecting my purse." His identity leaked out when a journalist noted that he had received his knighthood for services to the Tate.

versions are already in the

Tate and the latest will go on

Ted Hughes poems start a classic row

THE decision by judges of a poetry prize to shortlist Ted Hughes's version of a classical epic by Ovid has ignited a debate in the world of verse when is a translation not a

The panel for the £10,000 Forward Prize has included the Poet Laureate's Tales from Ovid, based on the Roman poet's Metamorphoses. But translators are unhappy at what they consider to be bending the rules for a

famous name.
Peter Dale, who recently published an acclaimed ver-sion of Dante's The Divine Comedy that kept closely to



Hughes: free translation of an epic by Ovid

the text, said that all transla tions, however loose, should be excluded from poetry

"It's a tricky one, because Ted Hughes's translation is not really a direct translatechniques and

the Poetry Society and one of the judges, said: "We felt that ignificant work by him."

poetry in translation, agreed: "It's an original work. It rattles along and retells the stories wonderfully." Winners of the Forward

Vigil, C.K. Williams.

other translators who use the wouldn't think they would get shortlisted. I think it would be much better if [the judges] restricted the Forward Prize to purely creative work."
- Chris Meade, chairman of

there was an awful lot of Ted Hughes in it. He's a very important poet and this is a Peter Jay of Anvil Press, who publishes a range of

Prizes will be announced on October & Others shortlisted for the best collection are: Violet by Selima Hill; The Marbie Fly, Jamie McKendrick; Salt Water, Andrew Motion; The Clever Daugh ter, Susan Wicks; and The

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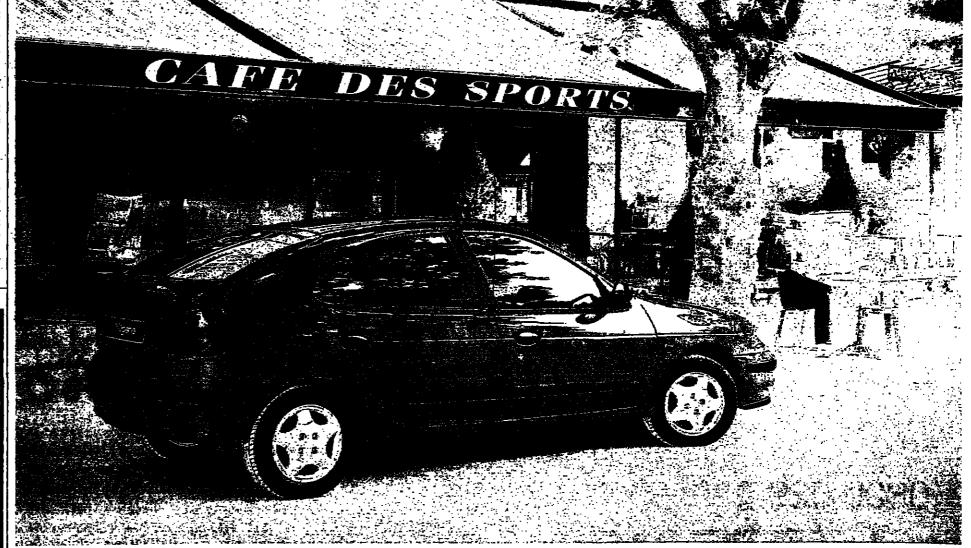
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Prescott

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on M25

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MINISTERS have deferred final decisions on a £1.5 billion

road-building programme, including a widening of the M25.

John Prescott, the Deputy

Prime Minister and Transport

Secretary, has delayed an an-

nouncement, which had been

expected today, on 12 road

projects involved a "fast-track"

review. Gordon Brown, the

Chancellor, has intervened be-

fore ministers commit them-

selves to long-term spending.

hopes among environmental

campaigners that ministers

might decide to scrap the M25

project, which would be wid-

ened to ten and 12 lanes in

parts of Surrey. Mr Brown is understood to have pressed for

full details of six schemes

under which the Government

can shift road-building costs

onto the private sector but

pays a toll based on the

volume of traffic. The system.

which operates over 30 years.

The intervention has raised

Ministers accused of U-turn over lottery profits

By JILL SHERMAN AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Government was accused yesterday of abandoning its manifesto pledge to put the National Lottery in the hands of a non-profit body.

Presenting the White Paper on the People's Lottery, Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary. admitted that a profit-making company could win the licence when Camelor's contract expires in 2001 if it offered the best returns for the good

Mr Smith said the reforms would make the Lottery "for the many not for the few" and mark a turning point in the game's controversial history.

Put during angry exchanges in the Commons. Francis Maude, the Shadow Culture Secretary claimed that Labour had realised that its "dogmatic and destructive pledge" was at odds with its own conversion to free enterprise and profit motive. He accused Mr Smith of a U-turn prompted by Tony Blair's insistence that incentives were needed to ensure

Mr Maude also claimed that the Government was siphoning lottery money off for health, education and environment to meet a black hole in public finances, despite Labour's earlier insistence

never be used in these areas. You have been rolled over by Downing Street and the Treasury." Mr Maude said. "The people's lottery is becoming

the Government's lottery."

The White Paper outlines the biggest reorganisation of the lottery since it began three years ago with new powers for the regulator to impose fines on the operator, a new sixth good cause - an Opportunties Fund for health, education and environment projects, and new laws to ensure more even distribution on money throughout the

Camelot welcomed the White Paper and claimed that it would be happy to rebid under the terms suggested.

But many charities greeted the long-awaited White Paper with disappointment. Some said that the changes did not go far enough and declared that they were pinning their hopes on the Government's initiative to invite millions of punters to give their views on how the lottery is run.

Steve McEwan, finance controller of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, which was turned down in its bid for lottery money to fund a mobile donor recruitment centre, said that healthy living centres wanted money to help medical research charities.

We are pleased they are letting people have their say because we are confident that they know better than faceless committees where the public want money to go. We are pretty disenchanted with the whole lottery scheme."

Prof Gordon McVie, director general of the Cancer Research Campaign also welcomed the new centres, but emphasised that the government taxes contributed only £15 million on cancer research each year - 10 per cent of the total amount spent. "The Government is not giving enough to research, that sadly is a fact, and lottery money would be an excellent source. However. we didn't really expect any-thing from this White Paper. We are now looking to the year 2000 to see if we can benefit from when the Millen-

nium Fund closes down." A spokeswoman for Turning Point, the charity which helps drug abusers but was denied lottery money to set up counselling centres. said: "Turning Point would like to see more specific money put into community drug schemes drug education that would have a direct impact on communities, such as reduc-



Chris Smith announcing the Government's plans for the running of what it called the People's Lottery

Sixth good cause will get £1bn

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A SIXTH good cause will be created next year to answer public calls for more National Lottery money to be spent on popular projects. About £1 billion will go to health, education and environmental projects as part of the Government's pledge to run a non-elitist "people's lottery".

The New Opportunities Fund will pay for 500,000 tion and communication technology in the classroom and set up a network of "healthy living centres" to promote health and fitness, particularly in deprived areas.

The centres, which may be mobile or set up in schools, churches, libraries and community centres are intended to give advice on subjects ranging from stress management to how to stop smoking.
One pilot project in the Wirral

provides mobile health and fitness screening in pubs, betting shops and schools.

After-school homework and activity clubs are also to be provided for at least half of all secondary schools and a quarter of primary schools. Chris Smith, the Culture

Secretary, said that by 2001 El billion would have been allocated to the New Opportunities Fund and to Nesta, a

arts. He said the existing five good causes — the arts, sport, charities, heritage and millennium projects - would be

opens the danger of heavy public sector costs if traffic increases markedly. A decision on the plans is to be delayed until at least the unaffected by the new fund. Original forecasts predicted

the good causes would get £1.8 billion each by the end of the seven-year licence period. But the success of the Wednasday draw is now expected to secure an extra £l billion which will go to the new end of this week, and ministers are preparing to defer an announcement on at least one project until next year. The decision on the M25 widening is seen as critical to the prospects of a fifth termi-

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nal being built at Heathrow. Business leaders insist that widening of the motorway is essential to cope with projected traffic levels. However, Chris Fisher, chairman of the campaign group Flame, which opposes the widening, said: "The ten-lane M25 will be as congested in 2010 as eight lanes are now so there is just no sense in the proposals."

The M25 scheme involves the widening from four lanes tween Junctions 12 and 15 near Heathrow, the busiest section of the orbital motorway. Ministers are almost certain

to approve the 27-mile Birmingham Northern Relief Road, which will link the M6 and M42 in Staffordshire, despite past opposition from Labour of frontbenchers. Another controversial scheme, the Salisbury bypass in Wiltshire, is expected to be PETER RIDDELL | dropped as part of the review.

This amounts to public spending by any definition

he Government yesterday announced a £1 billion increase in public spending on health. Chris Smith, Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport, did not put it that way. In launching his White Paper on the National Lottery, he talked about setting up a new good cause, the New Opportunities Fund, to reflect "the people's priorities". The "people" is a favourite new Labour phrase, no doubt suitably focus-

Of course, the redistribution of the bigger-than-expected pot of lottery money for good causes in this way is nothing directly to do with the people. You and I have no direct say. Decisions on where the money goes will be taken by ministers and their appointees on our behalf. The forthcoming bill will allow "the Government to specify by order the initiatives which it will support from time to time". As Francis Maude pointed out for the Tories in the Commons, it is now more the Government Lottery than the People's Lottery.

Few will dispute the proposed use of the money - extra coaching in basic literacy and numeracy. new opportunities for creative and sporting education, training teachers and librarians in the use of information technology, and a core network of healthy living centres. This is public Smith's attempt to try to put it into a

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separate category "additional to core programmes funded through taxation" is nonsense, especially when he added that these initiatives were "to support our priorities of health, education and the environment".

That is only partly Mr Smith's fault. The whole National Lottery has rested on the false concept of additionality. This is the claim that the money raised by the lottery is being spent on projects which would not otherwise be funded by the Treasury. Some spending has probspending by any definition. Mr ably gone on schemes which would not otherwise have received govern-

ment money. But it has never been possible to draw a clear line between lottery and normal taxpayer funded programmes. The Treasury has always seen lottery money as a good way of substituting for cutbacks in the main budgets of departments. and there were several arguments of

this during the last government. Mr Smith's proposals take this a stage further. They reflect Gordon Brown's acceptance of the Tories' spending totals for the next two years and Labour's attempt to find new sources of public money for popular sounding and desirable projects. But it would be much better to be straightforward and increase the Treasury's levy from the money raised by Camelot and

just parcel out the money through the usual review of public spending. Camelot has been very good at raising money, and is now expected to raise £10 billon over first seven years, El billion more than originally forecast. There are economies of scale in such a national scheme, not just in the computer framework but also in all the promotion. But in so doing the lottery has nationalised decisions on giving to "good causes". The previous competitive. market in donations to charitable and voluntary bodies has been undermined and replaced by dependency on committees of the great

Mr Smith should consider a more competitive structure. There is no

should have a monopoly after the expiry of the current licence. Why not have a infrastructure company like the National Grid or Railtrack providing the computer network and a number of groups competing on the use of lottery money? You could buy a health, arts or charities ticket or a local one — say, for London hospitals. Rather like buying charity Christmas cards, people would feel they had some say, albeit an indirect one, over the distribution of money. That would be better than yesterday's attempt to find a way round the Treasury's spending

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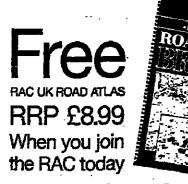
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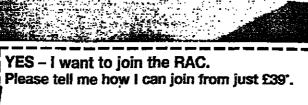
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Women must walk quietly

Hardline Afghan rulers issue spiritual guide to shoe control

By Christopher Thomas, south asia correspondent

TALEBAN, the fundamentalist militia that controls twothirds of Afghanistan, has ordered women to walk quietly - the latest diktat from the religious police while the battie for control of the country moves into a new and potentially critical phase.

Cracks appearing in the Taleban ranks have done nothing to quell the move-ment's enthusiasm for rules that have made it the embarrassment, and sometimes the laughing stock, of the Islamic world. The regulations are aimed mostly at women. whose lives and movements are minutely controlled. Even the colour of their socks is regulated; white ones, regarded as comely, are banned.

Despite significant military

reverses north of the capital, the militia took the time to issue a proclamation on how women should conduct themselves when outside the home - a rare event in itself, given Taleban's rule that women can only go out with husbands and male relatives.

The religious police, for-mally known as the Department for Promoting Virtue and Preventing Vice, declared: "Women are duty-bound to Anti-Taleban forces have was a ghost town after almost A spokesman for Ahmed behave with dignity, to walk moved within rocket range of the entire population fled. Shah Masood, the Tajik mili-

calmly and refrain from hitting their shoes on the ground, which makes noises." In practice the rule is meaningless, given that Kabul women can afford only the cheapest soft sandals. High heels, in any case, are outlawed.

The police said in regulations distributed to international agencies that limiting women's rights to leave their homes was an "Islamic obligation that must be observed by foreign and local institutions Women should not work except in the medical field.

A woman should never sit next to the driver of an ambulance or other hospital vehicle "No Aighan woman has the right to be transported in the same car as foreigners," the regulations added. Kabul's thousands of war

widows suffer most from the ban on female employment. Many used to work for foreign aid agencies. New regulations have been sent to hospitals, telling them: "It is forbidden for women to visit male pa-tients in wards where unrelated males are hospitalised. Stylish dress and decoration of in hospitals is



Kabul women in traditional burkahs. The veil is one of many obligations Taleban has imposed on females

Kabul for the first time since the capital was captured by the Islamic army ten months ago. Enemy troops captured the strategically important town of Charikar, 40 miles north of the city, on Sunday. It

Taleban denied reports that the nearby Bagram airbase had also been lost. They were reported yesterday to be preparing a counter-offensive against the forces of the opposition alliance north of Kabul.

tary leader whose forces are close to the capital, said the objective was to force Taleban into negotiations for the installation of a neutral force to take over Kabul and remove all weapons. This would amount to surrender by Taleban, which is determined to enforce

its extremist brand of Islam nationwide. Kabul has come under air-

craft attack several times in recent days. Seven people were killed and 12 wounded on Sunday. Such attacks are a warning to Taleban that the

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optimism that Muhammad its railways indispensable to its Central Asian neighbours.

Car giveaway exposes lie of Indian boom

Without a wealthy middle class. warehouses are having to be cleared, Christopher Thomas reports from Dehra Dun



INDIAN industry, beguiled by the illusion of a booming middle class with cash to spare, has embarked on one of the most generous giveaways in industrial history. Hundreds of millions of pounds of goods are being sold for a song, and sometimes not even

Rarely have so many corporations been so taken in by political hyperbole. The Indian economic miracle predicted when reforms began six years ago has not even begun to materialise, for all the ostentatious new wealth held by right circles of a well-connected. English-speaking minority.

The rich are now fabulously rich: a private helicopter dropping in on a mountain estate in the Himalayan foothills beyond Dehra Dun at the weekend carried an industrialist popping in for a day to check construction work and walk across his lawns, the underground sprinkler system laid by a Japanese firm.

A few miles away, the other India festers in familiar poverty, untouched by the changes that have further enriched the elite. The rich-poor divide carries echoes of neighbouring Pakistan, one of the last feudal cultures, where the middle class barely exists. Most Pakistanis are very rich or very poor, a trend increasingly

India's middle class is small and hard-up: the nonsensical but oft-repeated assertion that investors scurrying to sell washing machines, cars. tele-

Warehouses are full of goods that not enough people can afford. Huge numbers of cars wait for nonexistent buyers. The stampede of foreign company executives that was Bombay never came. This has moment I can say it is only a contributed to a substantial mission.

fall in the rents of better houses and flats. Rents in Bombay are down as much as 40 per cent.

Companies are offloading their stocks with abandon. The Daewoo Motor Company is handing out 200 new cars to be test-driven, free of charge, for 18 months. Television manufacturers pay wel! over the exchanged for a new one. People buying a washing machine or refrigerator from Whirlpool Corporation were offered the chance to win a flat or car until rival companies went to court to stop it.

In India a family income of about 15,000 rupees a month (£250) generally defines people as middle class. Such families do not normally own cars, air conditioners or washing machines and do not go away for holidays except to visit family

The average annual income of an Indian family is 30,000 rupees, about half of which goes on food and clothes. Foreign corporations rushed into this meagre marketplace with cars costing more than £10.000, almost double the cost of an Indian-made Ambassador or Maruti, which still dominate the market.

Fewer than three million fridges are sold in India every year, a tiny number in a country of 950 million. Most are small and Indian-made. which are cheaper, if poorer quality, than foreign ones. Industrialists now estimate that only 35 million Indians live in homes that can afford a

Kocheril Raman Naraya-nan. India's President-elect, whose rags-to-riches story is an inspiration to the poor, lowcaste majority, is a lone voice in advising more cautious economic expectations of India. He said this week that the country could achieve eco-

Tehran cashes in on rail short cut to the sea

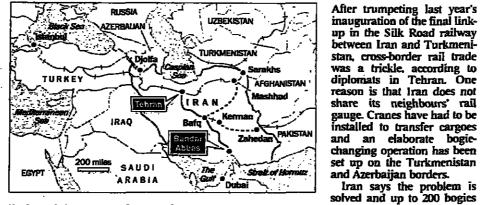
The Silk Road line is frustrating America by allowing Iran a lucrative share of business from mineral-rich Central Asia. Frank Gardner took the train

AT TEHRAN railway station they are loading great blocks of ice on to the Bandar Abbas Express. Already melting in the 100-degree heat, they will be nothing more than tepid pools in buckets by the time the train pulls into Iran's biggest port, 1,000 miles and

To travel by train from Tehran, at the foot of the snowcapped Elburz Mountains in of Bandar Abbas on the Gulf

length and breadth of this vast country. Rattling south, the train passes through deserts, mountains and holy towns such as Qom, where mullahs pace the platform beneath the black flags of Shia mourning. For any passenger it is an

awe inspiring journey, but this scenic route is also the the products of Central Asia's the sea. For the landlocked coast, is to traverse almost the nations of this region — stan's interminable wars,



Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and other Central Asian - the recently completed Silk Road railway has given access to new ports and cut that circumvents Afghani-

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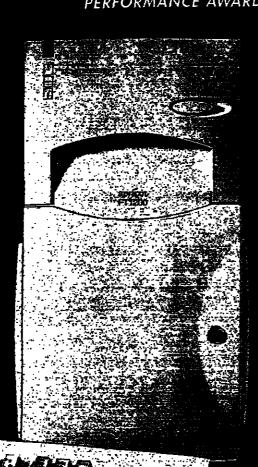
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Dead bird clue links Mafia with Versace killing

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A WEEK after the murder of a dead bird on the ground, you Gianni Versace. Florida police are trying to leave a message," Mr Monte said yesterday. "As are finally investigating whether the Italian designer's far as I am concerned, this was a professional hit ordered by murder may be linked to the organised criminals. If I could contact Cunanan I would tell Although Andrew Cunahim to ring me because I think

nan. a gay gigolo and alleged spree killer. remains the prime suspect, the Florida he is innocent." Department of Law Enforcement yesterday widened its investigation to consider the possibility that gangland bosses had ordered the A special police task force was last night interviewing

Frank Monte, a private investigator hired last year by Versace who claims the fashion guru was murdered by a professional killer. Versace was shot on the

steps of his ornate Italianate palazzo in Miami's South Beach lasi week. The two shots to the back of the head bore all the hallmarks of a Mafia execution, as did the dead bird federal

agents discovered next to his Songbirds are traditionally used as a signature in contract killings to represent the death of those who have talked too much. At the time, it was reported that his killer had shouted to Versace in Italian. "If you shoot a guy in the

back of the head and you leave

Cunanan: innocent, says

said Mr Monte, who says he is convinced Versace was killed because he had threatened to blow the whistle on alleged laundering of drug profits through his boutiques.
Police had called Mr Monte last week after discovering

Mr Monte, a private security consultant in New York, was recruited to investigate friend of an alleged lover of Versace. At the time, Mr Monte said, Versace had confided his fears about the hand of organised crime at work inside the fashion empire.

We had this conversation in which he said he was anxious about problems inside the business. He was worried about coming clean,"

inspectors. An FBI agent has been sent to Sao Paulo to interview a Brazilian woman who claims she has photographs and video footage that prove Cunanan attended a party at the Versace mansion in South Beach two nights before the murder. But Mr Monte remains

some of his brochures inside

the Versace mansion. Seem-

ingly certain that Cunanan

had committed the crime,

however, they had failed to

The Versace business was

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crackdown on corruption in

the early 1990s and Santo

Versace. Gianni's brother and

business partner, was convict-

ed in May of bribing tax

follow up the lead.

unconvinced. "Cunanan was around in Miami for maybe two months. I think it is pure coincidence and the evidence does not stack up," he said.
"My real concern is that someone will get to Cunanan before he can talk.



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FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK'S police are on "red alert" as fears grow among the city's homosexuals that Andrew Cunanan, wanted for the murder of Gianni Versace, may be heading for a

hiding place in the city. Howard Safir, the police commissioner, has sought to douse the panic by doubling the presence of uniformed officers in the gay quarters of Chelsea and Greenwich Cheisea and

Rudolph Giuliani, the Mayor, has already expressed New York's "commitment" to Cunanan's capture by adding \$10,000 (£5,800) to the federal bounty on his head.

New York has been high on the FBI's list of potential hideouts for Cunanan, ever since an entry was discovered by investigators in his diary they searched his San Diego home in early May. days after the murder of David Madson, his second victim. Cunanan wrote "If I need to get lost, it's going to be in New York."

The words, widely publicised here, have chilled the city's thriving homosexual

Some say that Cunanan has been "the worst thing to happen to America's gays since Aids started".



President Clinton appears on television in the background of a scene with Jodie Foster in the new film Contact

Clinton alienated by cameo role

IN LOS ANGELES

PRESIDENT Clinton has appeared in America's latest science fiction blockbuster in a bit part that his lawyer says was unauthorised, manipulative and a violation of White

House policy. Extensive footage of the President commenting on last year's discovery of what looked like miscroscopic life

appears in Contact, a film in which an alien civilisation beams plans for an intergalactic spaceship to Earth. By inserting the footage into his film, which stars Jodie Foster, the director Robert Zemeckis has made Mr Clinton appear to endorse the idea of extraterrestrial intelligence and has

earned a tirade from presidential counsel Charles Ruff. "You have manipulated images of the President's public statements, taken them out of the context in which they were uttered and adapted them to fit the plot of your film," he told Warner Brothers. Mr Zemeckis used similar

tricks with images of Presidents Kennedy and Nixon in Forrest Gump.

Warner Brothers points out that no law was broken and no ultimatum given by Mr Ruff.

the film's script in advance and sent a preview copy of the man said. "We have been completely frank and upfront with the White House on this

Mike McCurry, the chief press spokesman for Mr Clin-ton, admitted that the White House move was meant as a warning shot to studios to



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Republican plotters erode Gingrich's hold on power

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

NEWT GINGRICH'S hold on power remained precarious yesterday with the bitterly fractured Republican majority in Congress threatening to give him only a brief opportunity as House Speaker to

make changes before another attempt is made to oust him. Yesterday Bill Paxon, sacked last week from a senior party post when he was implifailed hid to de throne Mr Gringrich, continued to deny that he was actively seeking the Speaker's oost. But Joe Scarborough, of Florida, together with other 'renegades" accused of plotting against Mr Gingrich, are loudly championing Mr Paxon's cause, calling him "a.

So far Mr Gingrich has survived the turmoil and intrigue now gripping House Republicans; his supporters say the rebels "shot at the king



Gingrich: has so far survived the turmoil

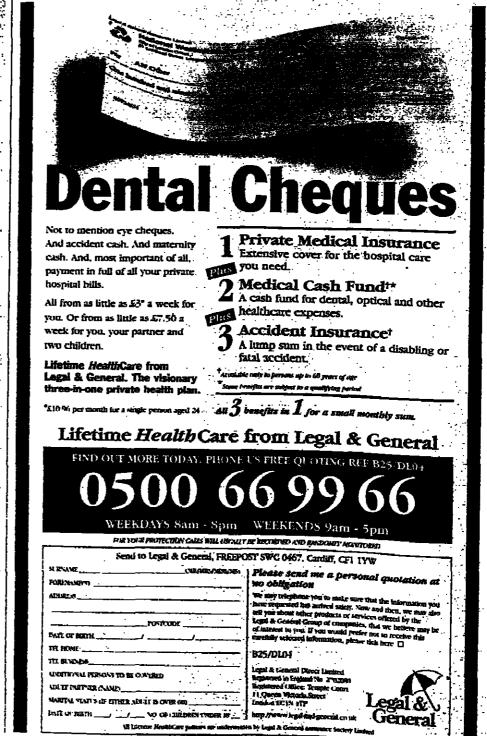
and missed". But many House Republicans agree with David McIntosh, of Indiana, that Newt may be stronger in the short term but nothing has happened to remove the

underlying problems." Mr Gingrich's faults were evident even after the 1994 mid-term elections, which swept the cavalry of his Re-

gress. He is exuberantly undisciplined and fond of making policy on the hoof.

His worst mistake was shutting down the Government in early 1995, giving Republicans the image of heartless extremists. His attempt to use party funds to pay a \$300,000 (EISO,000) ethics fine lost him more friends. He lost public support last month by holding up a flood aid Bill and risks doing it again in threatening stall the popular tobacco settlement. Many House Republicans now fear that he will ieopardise their chances vear's mid-term elections.

In contrast, Mr Paxon is a çalm, matute antidote. Mr Gingrich hopes that by forcing Mr Paxon to resign as "chairman of the leadership meetings", he has quashed the rebellion. But like many revolutionary leaders, he may find that he has created a martyr and strengthened a rival.



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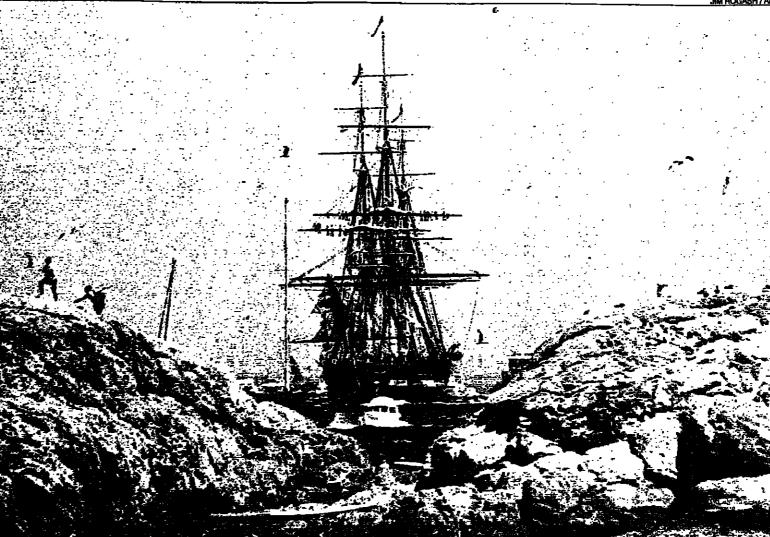
Payments from a £24 million fund were frozen in March when newspaper, reported that prominent individuals, some of whom never fired a shot in the war, had obtained payments of up to £50,000 with bogus 95 per cent war injury claims.

Mr Mugabe was not at his office yesterday and ministers kept well away to avoid a repetition of Sunday's humiliating scenes when three of them had to flee from an angry confrontation here.

Do not give us any reason to form Banyamulenge, shouted one destitute former guerrilla, referring to the rebels who overthrew Mobutu Sese Seko, the former Zairean ruler, "You politicians are thieves, you stole our money after all we did for you," a veterans' spokesman. "Bigboy" Ndlovu, told Dumiso Dabengwa, the Home Af-

fairs Minister, at a stormy meeting in Bulawayo. Mr Mugabe last night unnounced the appointment of an II-member commission of inquiry to examine the abuse of the payments system and

make recommendations. Each guerrilla is demanding an unconditional £25.000 lump sum. The Government



The 200-year-old USS Constitution — "Old Ironsides" — is towed into Marblehead Harbour, Massachusetts, before her first voyage under her own sails in 116 years. The ship, which defended America against the British in 1812, was undefeated in 30 engagements

About 150 Canadian fishing boats surrounded the ferry Malaspina for the third day in services that are Prince Rupert's lifeline, and seeking an the harbour at Prince Rupert, immediate injunction in a Canadian federal court that

British Columbia, 1,000 miles north of Vancouver. About 142 would order an end to the passengers were on the ferry. blockade. The ferry is still under blockade. We're hopeful it will be able to go soon, but we just

don't know," said an official with the ferry line. The Canadians are furious over alleged over-fishing by American boats.

Canadian fishermen yester-day maintained their blockade

of an Alaska Terry as tensions rose between the US and

Canada over salmon fishing.

"If we tried to get out of here we'd kill somebody," the ship's captain, Karl Shoeppe, told the Anchorage Daily News.
"We're caught in the cross-fire.

Nobody's happy."
The blockade of the Malaspina has prompted a flurry of diplomatic activity in Ottawa and Washington, where Madeleine Albright, the US Secre-tary of State, has so far rejected demands that American boats stop fishing for salmon heading for Canadian spawning grounds.

Four Canadian trawlers failed to stop the Malaspina docking in Prince Rupert on Saturday, but word of a blockade spread so rapidly through British Columbia's salmon fleet that by the time the ferry had taken on its new northbound passengers and cars, 150 fishing boats had encircled it. Dozens more steamed north to Prince Rupert over the weekend, some from as far

south as Vancouver. The action came after an admission last Friday by Nicholas Burns, the US State Department spokesman, that Alaskan vessels had landed more than three times their quota of 120,000 sockeye salm-

on so far this season. The fish are taken from international waters off the rugged British Columbian coast, but spawn in the upper reaches of Canadian rivers. where local fishermen and conservationists say stocks have been depleted as fewer and fewer salmon get through

Delying a court order, angry Tony Knowles, Alaska's

Governor, has taken tough unilateral action against his Canadian neighbours, sus-pending the passenger ferry

We will not tolerate Alaskan citizens or property being used as pawns by a foreign government," he said. In a letter to Ms Albright he added that the blockade was "tantamount to blocking a major interstate highway".

The injunction sought by the Governor was duly issued on Sunday and handed to the captains of Canadian ships in the blockade by officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. However, a spokesman said yesterday they had no

immediate plans to enforce it. The Canadian fleet is demanding an increased salmon quota for its own members, the resumption of stalled intergovernment salmon talks and a guarantee that it will not be held liable for damages arising from the blockade.

David Anderson, the Canadian Fisheries Minister, was due to arrive in Prince Rupert last night with the daunting task of restarting the local industry and international traffic in a port where one has successfully hijacked the

The Malaspina's passengers have been free to leave the ship since the blockade began but few have anywhere to Canadian fishermen also

blocked an Alaska ferry at Prince Rupert in 1995. Some state leaders have said Alaska should stop sending terries into Canada and find another, less risky port connected to the highway system.

Prince Rupert is the northernmost port in Western Canada; Ketchikan, at the tip of south-east Alaska, is a short distance to the north.

Ferries are vital transportation links because the region is made up of a vast string of islands and inlets.

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Tempers flare over flood control 'blunders'

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUIT IN FRANKFURT

GERMAN, Polish and Czech authorities started blaming one another last night for a sudden rise in water levels, threatening a resurgence of the flooding that has already claimed nearly 100 lives and caused financial ruin for thousands of farmers.

Tempers are fraying on

Neisse rivers, which divide the state of Brandenburg from its eastern neighbours, with meteorologists warning there is no immediate end in sight to the wet weather.

Germany criticised Poland for failing to notify rescue workers in Frankfurt an der Oder, Brandenburg's largest border town, of a decision to empty rainwater reservoirs

in levels. Poland accused the Czech Republic of the same recklessness when volunteers opened a flood gate in the Neisse, swelling banks further along the river.

Meanwhile, more than 20,000 German residents living in the Oderbruch, a lowlying area where the two rivers meet, are standing by to be evacuated if the defences

reached record levels but recede ' to about 20ft last night. Emergency workers tought to repair leaks in river defences and Matthias Platzeck, the Brandenburg environment

might still be necessary. Water levels are not expected to drop for at least two weeks and the consequences of the flooding, which has also

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long time. Hundreds of farmers in the north German state of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania responded to an appeal to help Polish and Czech colleagues who have lost everything. A fund has been set up for farmers to donate money and many have volunteered to help with the autumn seedsowing, offering to replace

is promising £50-a-month

WORLD SUMMARY

Moscow fire kills **Briton**

Moscow: Alex McIntosh, 47, a British businessman, was found dead yesterday in a blazing Moscow flat (Robin Lodge writes): Russian police suspect he was a victim of an arson attack.

The British Embassy said he worked for the British construction firm Oscar Faber and had lived here since October. While members of the Russian business community have been targets of gangs, there have been few attacks against foreigners.

Airport theft suspect shot

Geneva: A 19-year-old asylum seeker from Serbia's Kosovo province was fatally wounded by a policeman at Geneva airport after a briefcase with thousands of dollars was snatched from a passenger. A police spokesman said the officer shot the man when he appeared to point a black object after he and two companions were seen with the case. The injured man died in hospital and the other two ran away with the money. (Reuter)

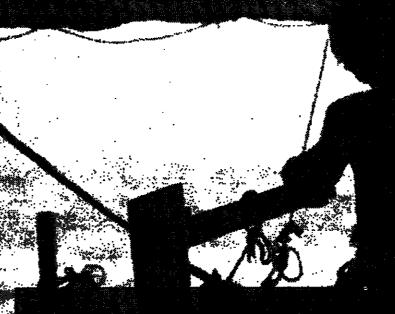
Army halts exam cheats

work or family commitments. The new course 'Understanding troops armed with assault rifles cordoned off secondary schools in the capital to pre-The College of Law, the leading provider of courses for vent cheating at exams. The tight security, aimed at preventing people throwing answers, wrapped around stones, to students inside classrooms, disrupted pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Cheating at exams is a big problem in the country. (AFP)

Fiesta spree for refugees

were plucked from a raft in the Florida Straits by a luxury cruise ship and given money, gifts and medicine by partying Cuban Americans, the US Coast Guard said. (Reuter)

Miami: Six Cuban refugees



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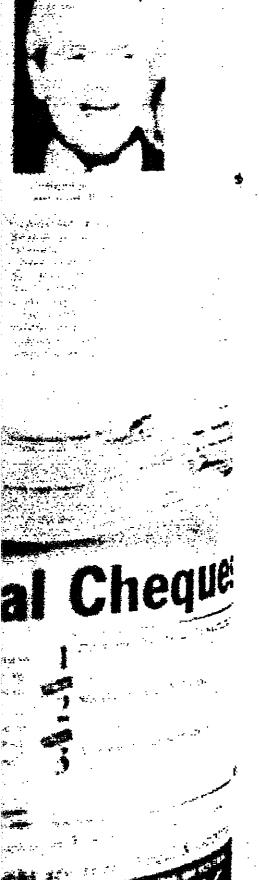
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Jospin imposes euro tax on big business

FRANCE'S Socialist-led Government yesterday slapped a "euro-tax" on big business and announced defence cuts aimed at reducing the public deficit sufficiently to join the single European currency.

A public audit commis-sioned by the Government showed that the deficit for 1997, the crucial qualifying year for economic and monetary union (EMU), was likely to be between 3.5 and 3.7 per ren: of gross domestic product, well above the 3 per cent limit demanded under the Maastricht trear-

Dominique Ctrauss-Kahn, the Finance Minister, said that France would still qualify for EMU by shaving Fr32 billion (E3.2 billion) off the deficit. with Fr22 billion in additional taxes on corporate profits and Fr10 billion in spending cuts.

The measures announced yesterday "concern 0.4 per cent of GDP and would allow France to join EMU "in the same condition as its partners". M Strauss-Kahn said.

While the new budget plans concede an eventual overshoot of the 3 per cent target this year, the Government is hop-ing that a 1997 deficit of around 3.2 per cent will still be enough to ensure admission to EMU in the first round, given Germany's problems with the strict 3 per cent target. "Less would have been insufficient, more would have hindered economic growth." M Strauss-Kahn said. France would achieve the 3 per cent figure by the end of 1998, he added. Germany reacted positively. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, said that France was doing its best to meet the Maastricht criteria. The French stock market was less enthusiastic, however, dropping more than one percent-age point immediately. The

sharp rise in long-term corporate capital-gains tax. M Strauss-Kahn argued that corporate profits were at record levels, thanks partly to a range of tax breaks and subsidies. The rise takes the tax rate on corporate profits to 41.6 per

Small, medium-sized and loss-making companies are excluded from the new levy, which will affect only the richest 20 per cent of French corporations with annual

6 The measures will enable France to ioin the single currency in the same condition as its European partners 9

Socialists made an election Fr50 million. The Govern-ment argued that big busi-nesses would be the first to campaign pledge not to im-pose a fresh bout of austerity in the drive to EMU. At the last minute, Lionel Jospin, the benefit from a single currency. Prime Minister, retreated The Defence Ministry will bear the brunt of spending cuts, with a Fr2 billion drop in from plans to increase taxes on the wealthy. A move to reverse defence investment, out of a a o per cent income-tax cut for total of FrIO billion in planned high-earners brought in by the savings. M Strauss-Kahn said last administration was abanthat big defence programmes doned as "too complicated". Instead, the principal burwould not be affected this

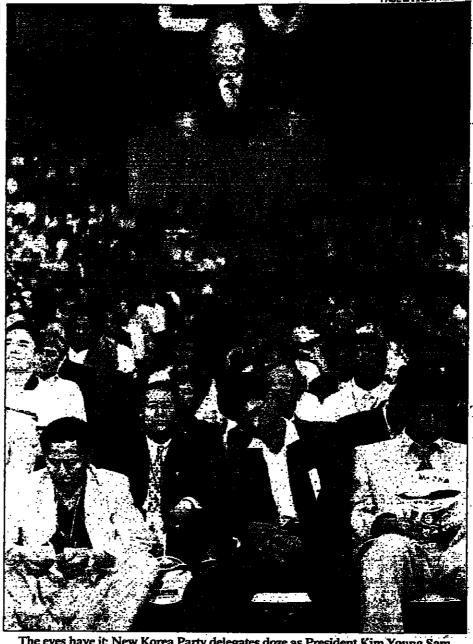
den will fall on big business. Herr Waigel said the mea-sures should be followed by Outlining a 15 per cent surcharge in company tax (falling

to 10 per cent after 1998) and a structural reforms but emphasised that they were concrete moves rather than "creative accounting". He added that he had received assurances from M Strauss-Kahn that France would meet the EMU deficit target next year. The measures will be debat-

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ed in the Paris parliament in right oppositon lost no time in attacking the plan, insisting that by taxing profits instead of imposing spending cuts the Socialists were ignoring eco-nomic realities. You can't be swimming against the Euro-pean tide," Alain Madelin, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, said. He argued: "Throughout the world, liberal policies promote growth and employment by cuts in state spending, lower taxes and privatisations.

There were also voices of dissent from within Socialist ranks. Julien Dray, leader of the Socialist Left group, said: "Making companies pay up is dangerous ... tomorrow, when we try to attack the objective of boosting consumption by raising salaries, businesses will turn round and say they are not milk



The eyes have it. New Korea Party delegates doze as President Kim Young Sam speaks in Seoul yesterday. Lee Hoi Chang was elected presidential candidate

Eta trio jailed for plot King

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

THREE members of Eta, the Basque separatist group, were ailed yesterday for attempting to kill King Juan Carlos of Spain. Juan José Rego, his son Iñaki Rego and Jorge Garcia were found guilty of plotting to kill the King with a marks-man's rifle while he was holidaying in Majorca in

August 1995.
As the verdict was announced, two grenades exploded near a police station in the northern city of Oviedo, injuring one person, in what authorities believe was the first attack by Basque separatist guerrillas since they killed Miguet Angel Blanco, a town

councillor, a week ago. The three men were found guilty of terrorism and crimes against the Crown and were all sentenced to 109 years in prison. The judge said that they had the King in their sights on three different occasions but did not fire because they did not have their escape

route prepared. Eta's leaders had ordered the three men to shoot King Juan Carlos first and then to attempt to murder the heir to the throne, Crown Prince

Felipe, the court was told.

The judgment raised questions about the security arrangements surrounding the King. Police had tracked the Eta team from France and knew they were planning to kill the monarch.

They had originally denied the gang's claim that they could have killed him on three separate occasions. Police finally arrested them just three days before they were due to carry out the attack after a French police tip-off.

Cell hanging: Juan Carlos Hernando, 35, an Eta convict. was found hanged in his jail cell in Albacete, central Spain, in an apparent suicide, the Interior Ministry said last night (Reuter)



Michael Foale, left, with the two cosmonauts on Mir

French astronaut quits Mir repair mission enable the new crew to carry

RUSSIAN space officials confirmed yesterday that repairs to the damaged Mir space station would be delayed until the arrival of a replacement Russian crew next month. and that a planned rifission by a French astronaut would be postponed

Leopold Eyharts was due to have blasted off with two Russians, Anatoli Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov, from Baikonur in Kazakhstan on

mission on board Mir. But officials from the French space agency earlier expressed concern that a shortage of power as a result of the collision on June 25 between Mir and an unmanned cargo craft, would mean that M Eyharts would be unable to carry out his experiments.

Repairs were delayed last week after Vasili Tsiblîyev, Mir's flight commander, developed health problems. Russian and Nasa officials considered that his place on

the repair mission might be taken by Michael Foale, the British-born Nasa scientist. Yesterday, the Russians decided to delay the work until the arrival of the new crew.

"This crew has already been under a lot of pressure in extreme situations," said Igor Goncharov, deputy flight con-troller at Mission Control in Korolyov, outside Moscow. "So the decision was taken that the spacewalk will be carried out by the next crew." Officials added that leaving M Eyharts behind would

more equipment with them for carrying out the repairs. They will make two spacewalks to assess and repair the

Officials had already lanned one mission — a socalled "internal spacewalk" into the ruptured Spektr module - to re-attach power cables. The second will try to pinpoint a hole in Spektr's wall. The crew will. "walk around, stamp their feet, and see where exactly we have got the depressurisation," Vladimir Solovyov, Mission Con-trol chief, said. Russian officials said the next US Shuttle mission to Mir would go ahead as

planned in September. Nasa astronaut, Wendy Lawrence, 37, who is in training at Russia's Star City, is due to replace Mr Foale. ☐ Los Angeles: Communica tions between Mars Pathfind er and Nasa were restored

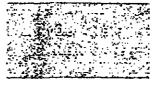
yesterday, enabling scientists to begin receiving data from the Red Planet for the first time in two days. (AP)

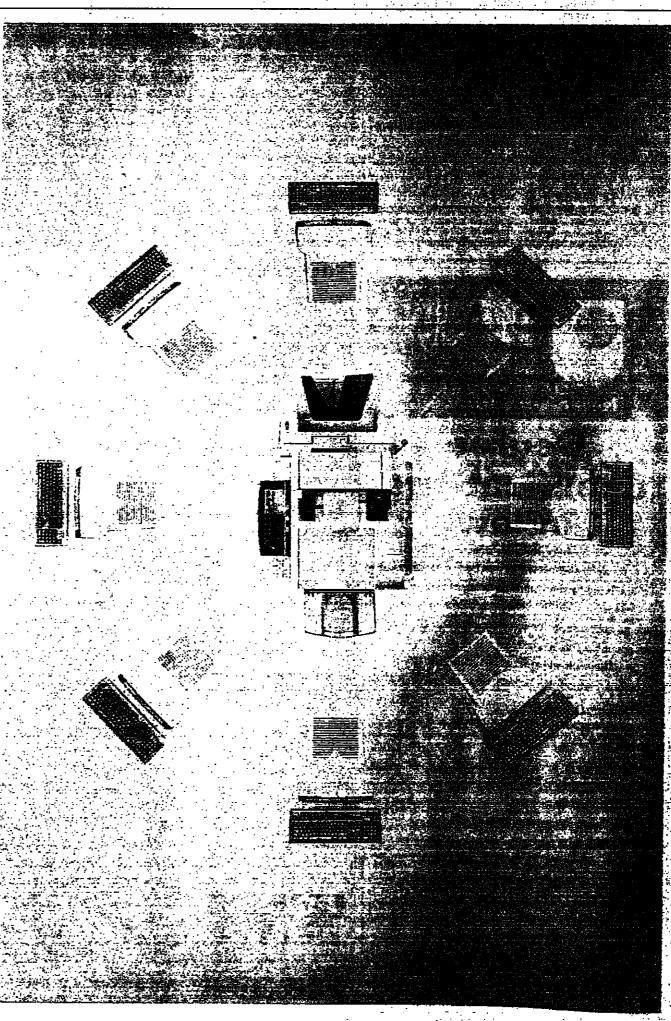
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Hamas bomb factory uncovered

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

YASSIR ARAFAT'S Palestinian police yesterday revealed details of what was claimed as the largest Hamas factory of explosive devices" ever uncovered, found in an apartment building close to the self-rule Arab town of Bethlehem,

The haul, whose size and deadly potential has underlined the seriousness of the uneasy security situation, included nine huge explosive devices ready for use and pieces of clothing and uniform would-be bombers as Jews. According to the Palestinian police, who have been under pressure from Israel to crack down on Islamic militants vowing a new campaign of revenge against posters de-picting Prophet Muhammad as a pig, the bomb factory contained Jewish religious prayer shawls and skull caps, wigs and Israeli army uniforms.

Palestine Liberation Organ-isation officials and Israeli security chiefs claim that suicide bombers brainwashed by Hamas and Islamic Jihad often pose as religious Jews or Israeli soldiers to get closer to their unsuspecting Jewish quarry before detonating devices designed to cause maxi-

racli-style disguises have also been used when Palestinian napping exercises. Israeli soldiers or civilians are lured into Israeli-registered cars which they think are being driven by

"The stuff that is ready to be used is 30kg, but we found many other raw materials and equipment," Colonel Kamal al-Sheikh, the Bethlehem area police chief, said. He linked the discovery on Sunday to Issa Khalil Shouka, 41, a leading Hamas activist, who was killed last week in the same area of the West Bank when a bomb he was making blew up in his hands.

We found in an apartment building in Beit Sahour Inear Bethlehemi a store of explosives and raw material and equipment to make explosives. We believe they belong to Hamas," the colonel said. "We found live TNT, hydrogen, chemicals, acids, timers and watches as well. Only experts can prepare these explosives. They are similar to the ones we found after Shouka blew

welcomed by Israeli officials,



A Palestinian police officer examines explosives, a skullcap and wigs that were found in a flat near Bethlehem

Aharonot said: "The temporary respite from terrorist attacks has given the illusion that Hamas has deserted the path of terror. However, the big laboratory full of explo-

Intelligence yesterday, and the arrest of hundreds of Hamas activists in the last few months, testify that without preventive intelligence, terror would be rampant." The last

when three Israeli women were killed, as well as the bomber who blew up a crowded café in Tel Aviv. ☐ Gaza: A committee ap-

pointed by Mr Arafat to

in order and that some senior officials be put on trial. Tayeb Abdel-Rahim, head of the committee, said that Mr Arafat promised to take "im-

Scholars dispute ownership of **Dead Sea Scrolls**

By Christopher Walker

THE opening of the largest academic conference on the Dead Sea Scrolls, called to mark the discovery 50 years ago, was marred by a Israeli-Palestinian dispute over ownership of the documents.

As 350 participants from 25 countries gathered at the Isra-el Museum to hear 120 lectures on the scrolls, Amir Drori, head of the Israel Antiquities Authority, said that the Jewish state would keep the 2,000-year-old documents because they were legally inherited and an inseparable part of Jewish tradition. His Palestinian counterpart, Hamdan Taha, responded that Israel's capture of the works in the 1967 Six Day War was theft "which should be recitified now". Between 1947 and 1956, 800

scrolls were found in 11 caves in the hills above Qumran. The works, in Hebrew, Aramaic — the language of Jesus - and Greek, include Old Testament texts and psalms. Israel purchased some of the parchments soon after

they were unearthed by a

Bedu shepherd. These are kept at the Israel Museum in Jewish west Jerusalem. Others were acquired in 1967 when Israel captured east Jerusalem, where the Rockefeller Museum, which houses many of the scrolls, is located. At a news conference start-

ing the week-long gathering, line is that . . . no one is going to take them away from us." Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, said that

chaeological discovery of all time . . remind the world of the depth and quality of Jewish roots in this country". Mr Taha, head of the Pales tinian Archaeology Department, argued that ownership of the scrolls should be deter-

Israel in studying the scrolls. The issue is part of final status talks on an overall Israeli-Palestinian settlement but these have been stalled since Mr Netanyahu was

mined by where they were

found. He urged international

scholars not to cu-operate with

Harvard opposes sponsor's choice of Holocaust don

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

AN INDIGNANT mutiny has broken out at Harvard University over attempts by a benefactor to impose a anti-German candidate as the holder of a new chair of Holocaust studies.

The Helen Zelaznik Professorship for Holocaust and Cognate Studies was set up three years ago with a dona-tion of \$3.2 million, (£1.9 million) from Ken Lipper, a Harvard alumnus and one of the university's most generous donors. .'

Since Mr Lipper, a former Deputy Mayor of New York, has given \$8 million to Harvard to date, his views carry a great deal of weight with the university. Yet academics now choosing his preferred candidate, the controversial Daniel Goldhagen, author of a recent book that described all ordi-nary Germans as "Hitler's willing executioners".

Academics are also angry that Mr Lipper is blocking the candidacy of Saul Fried-lander, who currently holds the chair in Holocaust studies at the University of Califonia at Los Angeles. Dr Fried-lander, whose Nazi Germany and the Jews is a seminal account of the Jewish plight under Hitler, is widely regarded as the "father of Holocaust studies". His scholarship on the Holocaust, and his views of the Germans themselves, are more temperate by far than those of Dr

open feuding has broken out selves. Dr Goldhagen, who is ernment at Harvard, has accused his rivals of academic pussylooting for pool-pooling his thesis that all Germans were Nazi sympathisers. He even accuses one of them, Christopher Browning. a professor at the Parific Lutheran University in Taco-ma, Washington, of turning his back on important historical evidence. Dr Browning, who believes

that he has been ruled out as a candidate because he is not Jewish, recently hit back in the pages of The New Repub-lic, saying that Dr Goldhagen Bartov, of Rutgers University, has also laid into the latter in print, it is clear that Harvard would alienate virtually the entire Holocaust studies fraternity if it were to elect Dr Goldhagen to the post. The waters have been mud-

died still further by disagreements within Harvard University's faculty over the way in which the Holocaust Eastern language and civiliwhole notion of a chair in New York Times recently. "Is there a chair in Communism? You don't have a chair in modern Jewish history, but you have one on the destruc-



Goldhagen: says all Germans were Nazi sympathisers

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'Rain gave me the gift of the world'

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In Part Two of On Sight and Insight - the diary of a blind man - John Hull describes how the sound of falling rain gives him a sense of perspective, an idea of how one part of the world relates to another and how that world speaks to him

SEPTEMBER 9, 1983

This evening, at about nine o clock, I was getting ready to leave the house. I opened the front door and rain was falling. I stood for a few minutes, lost in the beauty of it. Rain has a way of bringing out the contours of everything; it throws a coloured blanket over previously invisible things: instead of an intermittent and thus fragmented world, the steadily falling rain creates continuity of acoustic

I hear the rain pattering on the mof above me, dripping down the wall to my left and right, splashing from the drainpipe at ground level on my left, while further over to the left there is a lighter patch as the rain falls almost inaudi-

bly upon a large. leafy shrub. On the right, it is drumming, with a deeper, steadier sound upon the lawn. I can even make out the contours of the lawn, which rises to the right in a little hill. The sound of

ent and shapes out the curvature for me. Still further to the right, I hear the rain sounding upon the fence, which divides our

property from that next door. In front, the contours of the path and the steps are marked out, right down to the garden gate. Here the rain is striking the concrete, here it is splashing into the shallow pools that have already formed. Here and there is a light cascade as it drips from step to step. The sound on the path is quite different from the sound of the rain drumming into the lawn on the right, and this is different again from the blanketed, heavy, sodden feel of the large bush on the left. Further out, the sounds are less detailed. I can hear the rain falling on the road and the swish of the cars that pass rushing of the water in the flooded gutter on the edge of

The whole scene is much more differentiated than I have been able to describe. because everywhere are little breaks in the patterns, ob-structions, projections, where some slight interruption or difference of texture or of an echo gives an additional detail or dimension to the scene. Over the whole thing, like

light falling upon a landscape, is the gentle background patter gathered up into one continuous murmur of rain.

I think that this experience of opening the door on a rainy garden must be similar to that which a sighted person feels when opening the curtains and seeing the world outside. Usually, when I open my front door, there are various broken sounds spread across a nothingness. I know that when I take the next step I will encounter the path, and that to the right my shoe will meet the

As I walk down the path, my head will be brushed by fronds of the overhanging shrub on the left and I will then come to the steps, the front gate, the footpath, the culvert and the road. I know



Marilyn and John Hull with their children

all these things are there but I know them from memory. They give no immediate evidence of their presence, I know them in the form of prediction. They will be what I will be experiencing in the next few seconds. The rain gives a sense of persepective and of the actual relationships of one part of the world to another.

If only rain could fall inside a room, it would help me to understand where things are in that room, to give a sense of being in the room, instead of just sitting on a chair. This is an experience of

great beauty. I feel as if the world, which is veiled until I touch it, has suddenly disclosed itself to me. I feel that the rain is gracious, that it has ranted a gift to me, the gift of the world. I am no longer isolated, preoccupied with my thoughts, concentrating upon what I must do next. Instead of having to worry about where my body will be and what it will meet. I am presented with a totality, a world which speaks to me.

Have I grasped why it is so beautiful? When what there is intricate and harmonious, then the knowledge of that reality shares the same characteristics. I am filled internally with a sense of variety. intricacy and harmony. The knowledge itself is beautiful. because the knowledge creates in me a mirror of what there is to know. As I listen to the rain.

I am the image of the rain, and I am one with it.

FEBRUARY 3, 1985

I seem to be all right as long as I take the initiative. A few weeks ago. Thomas and I had a splendid time playing with his new construction set. A primitive, childlike sort of thing, it was quite easy for a blind person to handle. It was by far the best playtime I have

him. I was doing something, and we were doing it together. Most of the time. I am merely present while things are

Today was rather different. During the morning, a little boy came to play with Thomas and Lizzie. This situation is always difficult. rather because I never know exactly what they are doing. I

and the interactions. Waves of sleep passed over me and in the end I went upstairs to lie down. I railied for lunch, but afterwards Thomas asked me to play with a clown mobile a friend had brought. I had a sinking feeling that this would be very difficult, but I badly wanted to try.

During this time, spasms

rather than waves of sleep were flicking through my brain. While playing with the mobile. I felt the way you do when you have just had the anaesthetic before an operation. This must be a protection against an unbearable situation. I hear the children and everyone else whooping with delight, making comments, and it is as if the knowledge knowledge which I don't have. while the poignancy of that contrast makes me want to have no more knowledge at

In these situations I don't however, feel at all tearful. and I am not aware of anger. self-pity or pathos. It is rather as if an intention has taken the place of a feeling. The inten-



to inhabit me.

MAY 7. 1985

Yesterday i went out with Imogen for lunch. During the meal. I began to feel strangely address any remark to me, and I found it easiest to pass on my requests for service through her to the waiters. I should not have allowed that to happen, because it made me feel more remote. The fact that I was sitting not next to

added to the feeling that she was not really there, and led me deeper into a sense of

abstraction and isolation. When we arrived home I did not feel sleepy but had a desire ing back, that I was in the grip to lie down under a blanket. I of a profound melancholy due

names on it, now looks out

It was hugely expensive and

complicated, but the day

when a crane, a lorry and

three men put it into position

was one of the happiest of my

life. At last I, if not he, was at

peace. Now I feel I know

where my father is.

over the valley of Exford.

have taught me that the deepest feelings go beyond feeling. One is numbed by the feeling; one does not experience the feeling. I recognise now, look-

to the impoverishment of my

loved child, but at the time all I was conscious of was a desire

A few nights ago, I attended the annual meeting of an association for the blind. This was the first time that I had been into a meeting attended by other blind people. It was curious and in a strange way rather comforting to find my self in a situation where the little habits that characterise the response of blind people to the world were accepted by a social group. People were simply shouting out the names of those they wanted to speak with, and in reply, you forced your way towards whoever

was shouting your name.
I was told by older blind men that the time of adjustment grew longer in direct proportion to your age. For somebody of my age, I should short time, and was assured that it would probably take me 10 or 15 years to make a full

JULY 4, 1985

It is now many months since I began to appreciate the illumination and sense of real knowledge that comes through touch I am developing the art of gazing with my hands. I like to hold and rehold and go on holding a beautiful object. In a multi-cultural exhibition I was allowed to handle a South American water jar There was a lovely, scraping sound when one rotated the lid, and thousands of tiny, tinkling. hollow echoes were made when the full, round belly of the jar was touched with the fingernails. I am surprised that it should have taken five years to appreciate experiences of this kind.

AUGUST 11, 1985

For most of the time now my brain no longer hurts with the pain of blindness. There has been a strange change in the state or the kind of activity in my brain. It seems to have turned in upon itself to find inner resources. Being denied the stimulus of much of the outside world, it has had to sort out its own functions and priorities. I now feel clearer, more excited and more adventurous intellectually than ever before. I find myself connecting more, remembering more, making more links between the various things I have read and had to learn over the home and feel that my mind is almost bursting with new ideas and horizons.

Extracted from On Sight and Insight by John M. Hull, pub-lished by Oneworld Publications on August 7 at £7.99. In case of difficulty in obtaining a copy, selephone 0.1747 85 [339]. D John M. Hull

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When death is denied its sorrow

A truncated funeral can add to the pain of bereavement, says Celia Haddon

nancier. went to his last resting place alone. He put in writing his wish that nobody should be at his funeral. He believed he would spare his family pain.

But his sparse and lonely funeral may not do this, A truncated funeral can add to the pain of bereavement. My father. Darby Haddon, left similar wishes about his cremation, and for me it was a nightmare.

1 wish my body to be

disposed of as cheaply as is consistent with human dignity," said his will. This clause gave him considerable satis-faction and he laughed about it each time he told us of it. because he wished to save money. There was plenty of money in his estate. The clue. I think lay with his mother, an eccentric and paranoid woman who wore funereal black for the rest of her life after her husband died. Darby was reacting against her. He was also influenced, I believe by his loathing of Christianity. Although his village church in Exford, a small village on Exmoor, would have been a lovely place for a funeral, he refused to enter it dead, as he had refused when

he was alive. My stepmother and I tried to carry out his wishes. "I want the cheapest coffin." 1 told the undertaker, who had no doubt expected a rather better order as he drove up the drive to the farmhouse. "No

service. Nothing." "You'll want something for when you walk into the crem." he said. So we settled for three minutes of Chopin on the crem organ. Our only extrava-

We walked in, just the four of us. dressed in our ordinary clothes, into the front row. There was a moment when I almost laughed when I saw the coffin. It was gleaming with brass and I do not believe it could possibly have been the cheapest one.

The man on the organ gave

us a burst of music and the coffin slid into the flames. That was it. No proper start. No proper conclusion. There were no words of comfort. Nothing to reconcile us to the bare finality and awfulness of death. We looked at each other and did not know what to say. We went home for lunch. Conversation was difficult. Later my stepmother collected his ashes and spread them over the moorland above the farm. Again there was no ceremony. Nothing.

do not know how she felt, but I know that I was horribly upset by this. We had faced our grief and our loss without any of the usual consolations. There were no relatives to greet, no long-lost friends to enjoy re-meeting. no neighbours with whom to share our loss. We had deprived the circle of his friends and acquaintances of a melancholy but enjoyable occasion. By refusing death its dignified and gloomy tributes, we were

trying to deny its sorrow. The wishes of the dead are not binding on the living. We could, if we had chosen, had a proper funeral, but I think my stepmother would have felt

this was a betraval. She died of a stroke 18 months later. Her death gave



Sir James Goldsmith had a solitary funeral. Were his family denied the chance to mourn?

farm was to be sold and so we were cutting our last links to PMT? OSTEOPOROSIS? MENOPAUSE? Exmoor, our childhood home. Her funeral, in the same SERENITY FOR WOMEN crematorium, was a public NATURAL PROGESTERONE CREAM one followed by a reception at For a free-16 page information booklet send an A5 SAE to the house. Many people who Dept T2, PO BOX 322, St Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 3TP. came said they had wanted to attend our father's funeral. H Web site:- http://www.progesterone.co.uk was an opportunity to see again - and say farewell to old friends. But we did more. We remaining children put a memorial to both of them on the wild moorland where their ashes had been scattered. A gigantic three-ton block of granite, with their

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Who's minding the babysitters? There are no regulations for nannies because the relationship between them and their employers is said to be 'private'

Policing the nanny's status

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Shaken violently and probably dropped when she refused tragedies will to stop crying, the infant was confined. brain-damaged and close to death. Doctors who performed found extensive bruising on the back of the skull.

Her mother, Cheryl, 44, and her then husband were interviewed by police at their home in central London when the campaign aimed cause of the child's injuries became clear. Their nanny was questioned; too.

It was then she admitted that she had shaken Jemma on various occasions while in a temper, not realising that it could cause brain damage." Mrs Winton says. "However, the police advised us not to prosecute the nanny, because they said there was no proof."

Though distracted by the terror that her daughter might die, she called every agency in the telephone book to warn them against hiring the young woman who had almost killed her daughter. Mrs Winton's fear to this day is that Jemma's "anacker" might still be working with children.

In the absence of governregistration of nannies, regu-

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er marry, never have. It is time the Government acted to ensure that children are not at risk children of her own. from those who are meant to be caring for them. Bill Frost reports Nina Kaye, who runs an lation of agencies another

and the establishassociation, these will to stop it." Mrs Winton says.

This week, she helps to launch a at ensuring the "nanny business" is properly policed. The pressure group Playpen, which features in the Yorkshire Telegramme 3D on Thursday, will lobby ministers

the law. The current lack of control puts thousands of children at risk every year, says Mrs Winton. sole care of ba-

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bies and children and yet they ment legislation to compel the are not subject to any controls

They don't need a first aid certificate, let alone a professional qualification. Childminders have to be registered with social services by law under the 1989 Children Act. They are professionally vetted, undergo police checks and are

subject to continued scrutiny.

But there are no such regulations for nannies because the relationship between nanny and employer is said to be 'private'. We want to change this - few agencies make thorough checks, so children are put at risk.

"Why does the law say children looked after by nannies are less in need of by childminders?"

protection than those cared for been "blighted" by the girl she



From left: Nina Kaye, Cheryl Winton, Anne Waddington sponsible for maltreatment

employed after seeing an advertisement in The Lady mag-azine. "How many other parents have suffered in the

same way?" she asks. "Jemma is very happy, but will always be a child and cannot be left alone for more than ten minutes. She is at the time of life now when a young woman starts thinking about marriage and children of her own. That will never happen.

have no idea what has happened to the nanny who did this but feel I would like to speak to her and try to understand why

"I don't feel anger but I do feel pain. Just talking about it now makes me relive the experience, and it hurts very

"I went through hell. Every time we went to the doctor.

health agency, agrees. She, too, is a founder member of the Playproblem with Jemma, and I pen campaign. blame myself for This is not a nanny-bash-

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Anne Wadd-

ington, a barris-

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children and a

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pressure group,

says prosecutions

are rare. And, she

adds, most nan-

nies who are re-

are neither psychotic nor

simply given responsibilities beyond their ability. It is hard

to say how often these inci-

dents occur, but abuse is by no

means infrequent and one

Mrs Waddington, who has

family of her own, admits

that "in an ideal world" she

would raise her own children.

That's not possible, though -

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fare is guaranteed when they

take on a nanny; at the

"Too many agencies are

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motivated by profit. The usual

placement fee is about £1,000.

They don't place a high

enough priority on protecting

the young and vulnerable."

"But parents must be confi-

case is one too many."

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These young women are

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ing exercise," she says. "But in this day and age, it is iniqui-tous that qualified nannies are wrong earlier not registered and nanny agencies are not regulated. In the absence of a change clude nannies

in the law, the girl who maltreated Jemma might still be working. That's why we double-check every nanny seeking employment - but the scandal is that no one makes he Professional Asso-

ciation of Nursery Nurses — a rapidly growing section of the Professional Association of Teachers — has given full backing to the Playpen campaign. The current "free-forall" in this area of the employment market is "quite John Andrews, PAT general

secretary, thinks children, parents and nannies all get a rough deal as the law stands.

"I never cease to be baffled by the fact that it seems to be assumed that almost anyone can be put in charge of young children without any check on their suitability. We have long been campaigning for the establishment of a register.

"It seems amazing that parents who would not entrust their car to an unqualified mechanic would entrust their to an unqualified nanny."

Cheryl Winton learnt her lesson from bitter experience. "I have thought a lot about what happened to Jemma when she was just six weeks old and how our perfect little baby was no longer perfect.

Why should any parent go through this anguish when a simple change in the law would prevent, or at least reduce, the odds of any repetition of what happened to us? My whole world has been turned upside down and I can only hope that somebody in government is listening." 3D will be broadcast on ITV at

The pursuit of wealth

The urge to make money is an inbuilt American obsession. Tunku Varadarajan reports

THE HISTORY of America is the history of money. Slavery was all about money, both saving and making it. The Declaration of Independence was also about money — taxes, especially when levied by the Crown of a faraway island. are a damned nuisance.

Many features of modern America, also, have money as a predominant theme large-scale immigration from Europe and the Third World (the poor wanting to get rich): the Great Depression (everybody getting poor); and the growth of the consumer society. Even the civil rights movement of the 1960s had as its goal a better standard of living for blacks and greater econom-

ic opportunity.
In a book just published in New York, Money: Who has how much 'Part of and why. Andrew Hacker, a being political-science professor at the American city's Queens College, looks at is to feel America's obsession with money, taking

vou deserve more'

He poses, and answers, questions such as: have women made real strides towards economic parity? (Answer: depends on what you mean by "strides"); has affirmative action proved the economic status of blacks (not really, because the black middle class, is a private-sector creation); does immigration take jobs away from Americans? (on the contrary).

an academic

scalpel to "ques-

asks".

"Part of being American is to feel that you deserve more than you have." writes the professor, suggesting this restless acquisitiveness might be what built and maintains the world's largest economy.

Some of his figures are startling: in 1979, 13,505 individuals or families earned the equivalent of \$1 million a year. By 1994, the latest year for which figures are available, that had jumped to 68,064. The past few decades have witnessed the rise of the "onemillion-a-year American", and the rich, the book asserts. "are getting

The key question for the professor, though, is this: are the poor getting richer too? His research, depressingly, shows they are not. While the richest 5 per cent of the American population has seen its average income rise by 54.1 per cent in the past 20 years, the bot-tom 20 per cent has seen a rise of a mere 1.5 per cent. One in five American children currently lives in a household where the annual income is less than

\$15,000 (£10,000). And for every \$1,000 received by a white house hold in 1995, a black house hold made only \$577 Twenty years ago, it made \$605. Blacks are still "under-represented" in a

number of key professions. Although they comprise 10.6 per cent of the total workforce, only 3.6 per cent of all lawyers, 2.5 per cent cent of dentists are black. Intriguingly, there are hardly any black bartenders or waitresses either,

with only 2 per cent and 4.5 per cent respec-Professor Hackblame fairly on "the system" and racism. Yet immi-

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higher than any

other ethnic group (Americans of English descent make \$34.117 per annum; Irish Americans \$31,845). Professor Hacker attributes their success - and that of another comparable group of migrants, the Koreans - to their ability to identify a "niche" in the market. Indians, for example, now run virtually all the motels in the Deep South.

> THE book is more than inventive number-crunching. Occasionally. Professor Hacker comes up with fairly crackpot theories. He writes: "The farther a country is from the US, the more likely will its immigrants be to secure higher-paying work. Clearly, it takes more sonal, to get here from

This, of course, is the great liberal blind spot a failure to recognise that some people are simply better at making money than others. For this reason, and this reason alone, there will always be rich people, just as there will always be poor ones. Especially. I'm afraid, in America.

 Money: Who has how much and why by Andrew Hacker (Scribner Educational Publishing, New York 7023000)





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ear Richard, I'm surprised, and not a bit disappointed, that you should be so uncharacteristically credulous as to retail groundless, alarmist rumour about the future of Radio 3 as if it were fact. You and your critics have always seen a reason to write about the arts in a sharp, witty, untechnical and, yes, populist way. Neither of us wants to leave music just to the musicologists (though they have their uses). The classical music audience has changed hugely in the last few years. It's larger but more volatile. sophisticated but less knowledge-

This is the audience Radio 3 needs to serve. Not the lightest, most casual listeners to classical music, who are already well served by Radio 2 and Classic FM. Radio 3 will always present a

able than it used to be. It wants

Radio 3's big cheese bites back

On Saturday Richard Morrison accused Radio 3 of going

downmarket. Here its controller, Nicholas Kenyon, replies major drama, features and docuing Collection can co-exist on the

So let's be clear about how nonsensical your rumours are: mentaries. This involves Radio 3 in patronage and programme-mak-ing which is indeed "the envy of there was no "meeting of big cheeses", but rather an absolutely open meeting (as there is every year) for all producers to hear the world". Our plans include clearer schedabout Radio 3's plans for the year ules, so that listeners can find their ahead, so that they can offer the way around the network without best possible programmes to us. The plans include a continuing confusion: you will be able to expect a lunchtime concert at Ipm commitment to more than half the every day, orchestral music at 2pm, specialist music at 4pm and network's music output being live

so on. And we need a better

defined music policy for different

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about classical music and, very

importantly, for those who want to

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music from opera to jazz, early

music to new music, as well as

network alongside the adventures of Sounding the Century at times when the audience is available to listen. The result will be clearer expectations, and a bolder schedule. Who will choose this music?

Here we come a little closer to the source of the disaffection you report. All the music we play will continue to be chosen by expert, intelligent human beings. There are now several sources from which we can obtain that expertise. The BBC's Classical Music department - which includes the former. Radio 3 music department - has originated award-winning, highly original programmes over the last year, while independent producers have originated some of our freshest programme formats, including the prizewinging Private Passions. The network's responsibility is to serve the audience with the best material from all these production areas. So don't be alarmist: every department will certainly need to adapt, but none will have to be "slashed" if it offers Radio 3 excellent programmes

which meet the needs of the serious classical music audience we have identified.

You simply cannot call people "Woganesque geezers" in print and get away with it Sean Rafferty, whom you can currently hear standing in for Brian Kay on Sunday mornings, is already a respected presenter on the network and a member of the In Tune team whose presentation he will lead twith a no less enthusiastic expert, Humphrey Carpenter, as support, from September. And you fill in space with an absurdly dyspeptic reference to the BBC orchestras: their artistic standing in this country has never been higher. they are central to the live music policy of Radio 3, and they are

valued by a huge public, as their Proms — including three sell-outs in the first week alone — will demonstrate. And you just proved that with your review of the First Night of the Protes.

The silly thing about this argu-

ment is that, essentially, we agree. Radio 3 will continue to be, exactly as you put it, "sane, cultured, and horizon-widening". That is a good expression of our desire to take serious classical music to the widest possible audience, not for audience figures alone, but because we believe they would love and value what we have in offer, as does our current audience. The BBC's Governors, to judge from the latest annual report, believe that Radio 3 is "excellent and distinctive", and we are. But we can do it better, and we will. I hope you, Richard, will be among those who come along with us rather than sniping from the sidelines.

AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

WHENEVER 20th-century presidents of the Royal Academy are being enumerated from memory. Thomas Monnington is the one who tends to get left out. This is not too difficult to understand. When he became PRA in 1966 his style was already so unfashionable that the honour must have been some kind of gesture in the face of the rebels at the gates - or at least a tribute to his organising ability rather than to his art. When he died in 1976 his work unmistakably belonged to the past.

But time brings its revenges. Nowadays his classical precision, his brilliance as an academic draughtsman and the hallucinatory clarity of his best painting seem bang up to date. His achievements, as demonstrated in the touring retrospective which began at the British School in Rome and now ends up, very fittingly, at the Fine Art Society, match so well the aspirations of many painters who were still infants when he died. In his murals and designs for ceilings and floors he toved with abstraction, but the heart of his work is in the classical and religious scenes of the Twenties and Thirties, and in his sparkling portrait drawings. This style produces a genuine surreal frisson. Tempests Attacking Flying Bombs (1944), with its desperate combat over the immemorial elms of England. remains his best-known picture, and there is no arguing with that judgment. Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, WI (0171-629 5116). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-Ipm, until August 1.

☐ THE career of Natalia Goutcharova followed a similar trajectory to that of many Russian contemporaries who grew up with Symbolism, discovered Russian peasant art at an impressionable age, and moved from there towards abstraction. For many inside and outside the arts it was the advent of Diaghilev's Ballets Russes in the West which crystallised these changes.

Gontcharova, who came West at the

same time as Diaghilev, both was affected by his revolution in taste and helped to bring it about. The show Natalia Gontcharova and the Russian Ballet at Julian Barran focuses on precisely this period. There are designs connected with her first and most famous production for Diaghilev, Le Cog d'Or, and work for one of Diaghilev's most intriguing unfulfilled projects, Liturgie. In strong contrast, there is a remarkable range of her designs for another unproduced ballet of the war years, España. Equally striking, in another way, are her portrait drawings of such musical luminaries of the Diaghilev circle as Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Lord Berners, Satie and de Falla.

Julian Barran, 42 Old Bond Street, WI (0171-495 0499), Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. until Aug 6

□ ALTHOUGH she belongs to an older generation, the shape of Yang Yanping's life in art has surprising similarities to that of Marlborough's new artist Chen Yifei. Surprising because they seem to be at opposite poles of 20th-century Chinese art. His formation is entirely in terms of Western art, while hers is completely within the native Chinese tradition. Both of them achieved great success in China, but both seized the first opportunity to move to New York in the Eighties. And both, in very different ways, are definitely modern artists, at once Chinese and international. Yang Yanping's works retain strong links with the traditions of Chinese brushdrawing. Her paintings in coloured inks on rice paper are close to abstraction, but remain perceptibly anchored in the reality of plants and flowers. The

magic is inescapable. Michael Goedhuis, 116 Mount Street. WI (0171-629 2228), Mon-Fri 9.30am-6pm, until Aug 1

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR



Violencia. painted by Ed Paschke in 1980, is one of many works in the Whitney Museum's revelatory survey of Autorican art that appear to follow Moses Soyer's celebrated advice: "Paint America, but with your eyes open. Do not glorify Main Street. Paint it as it is inean, dirty, avaricious"

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I he American cream - sweet and sour

ish attention to American art made since the Second World War. but we see disgracefully little American work produced before then. Edward Hopper's melancholy paintings of cinemas, garages and diners may be familiar from posters and greetings cards, but his origi-nal pictures cannot be found in our public collections. Nor do we own a single Georgia O'Keeffe, Visitors to the Tate might be forgiven for conclud-ing that, before Jackson Pollock appeared in about 1950, American art did not exist.

The Whitney Museum opened in New York 66 years ago to combat any such no-tion. Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, an artist herself, set about proving that, alongside bold architecture, her country had also evolved a national art of painting and sculpture". Since then the Whitney has acquired a large, distinguished collection. And in recent years it has invited three European museum directors and their colleagues to select exhibitions drawn from

The last in the series, chosen by Nicholas Serota and Sandy Nairne of the Tate, has just opened. It starts with an isolated, spectacular loan from Millbank: Roy Lichtenstein's titanic Whaam!, a flamboyant masterpiece of Pop Art. Nim-bly purchased by the Tate soon after it was painted in 1963, this barnstorming double canvas sums up the explosiveness of American art's impact on Europe at the time. But the show quickly de-parts from the kind of American work represented at the Tare. Nairne and Serota go out of their way to pluck a host of more obscure artists as well. They call the show American Realities, and Serota declares that it aims at "reviving a

which does not regard an interest in the figure as being, by definition, anti-Modern". Human images certainly dominate the first section. Arshile Gorky's tender painting of The Artist and His

broader view of Modernism

GALLERIES: In New York Richard Cork enjoys the new Whitney show

Mother reminds us that many Abstract Expressionists started their careers in a figurative vein. Alice Neel's portrait of Andy Warhol, baring the stitches criss-crossing his pale torso after the near-fatal shooting by Valerie Solanis, presents her subject in an unusually fragile light. Unexpected links abound.

Nan Goldin's recent colour photograph of Siobhan, staring at us so challengingly from her shower, looks surprisingly at home near Larry Rivers's delicate 1955 painting of a far older, more weary woman. Serota and Nairne enjoy mix-ing works in different media. finding an uncanny resemmuscular brushmarks in Mahoning and the equally angular cluster of chainbound wood in Mark di

Suvero's Hankchampion. Both these works are included in a section devoted to Metaphysical Landscapes. where Pollock and O'Keeffe are also found. But it is gratifying to find that pride of place here is given to an ecstatic celebration of The Seasons by Pollock's wife Lee Krasner, whose work was so often eclipsed by her husband's notoriety.

ther American artists offer more down-to-earth in-terpretations of the modern world. George Luks's boisterous Armistice Night evokes the raucous triumphalism of street celebrations in November 1918. His unbridled brushwork is far removed from Paul Cadmus's Sailors and Floosies, painted a year before the outbreak of another world war. A crumpled newspaper photograph of a Fascist dictator lies on the ground, next to three tipsy couples groping each other in sunset parkland. But the true focus is the golden-curled sailor in the

Stuart Davis paints the interwar urban scene with a feeling for the hard-edged

clarity of windows, hoardings and fire-escape ladders. His Jazz-Age optimism contrasts with the gloomer vision of artists who shared Moses, Soyer's desire to "paint America, but with your eyes open. Do not glorify Main Street. Paint it as it is — mean, dirty. avaricious." Such a gritty ambition spans the decades from a gruesome 1947 burial scene by the almost forgotten Ste-phen Greene to the more streamlined, televisual horror of Ed Paschke's stylish

As it stresses the relationship between glamour and death, the show uncovers links binding artists as dissimilar as Jack Levine and the tragically during the same period short-lived Jean-Michel Bas • • American Realities is at the quiat. The figure occupying the coffin in Levine's candless

Violencia in 1980.

Gangster Funeral is probably punctured with bullets, whereas the haunted faces scrawled on Basquiat's wall are more likely to be threatened by drug abuse. But among the graffiti the word "gangsterism" is inscribed in bold capitals. Thirty years after Levine painted his sinister picture. Basquiat was still emphasising an abiding evil of American life.

Artists so impressive as those seen here deserve to be better known. It is a pity that American Realities will not be coming to the Tate. We need to learn more about the work in the Whitney, and realise how many eye-opening corresponcan artists and their British contemporaries. This engaging show left me determined to discover more, and eager to see how an American museum director would organise an exhibition of British Realities

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Sister act without the laughs

era has everything going for it. Scribe's libretto is literate, witty and amiably filthy, its sophisticated sauciness masked by the flimsiest veil of wide-eyed mock innocence. The plot is a catalogue of political incorrectness, with randy clerics, a palpitatingly chaste heroine "longing for it", as they say in the tabloids. chaps dressed up as nuns, all culminating — tabloid-speak-is unavoidable — in a genderconfused three in a bed romp set to music of indescribable

beauty. Ah yes, the music did Rossini ever write anything funnier or more wicked? With this piece he opened the way to Offenbach, Sullivan, Rodgers and Hart. In other words, you would think Ory indestructible. Wrong again - I can't remember a more depressing first night at Glyndebourne.

It's not so much that the director. Jertine Savary, de-clines to draw the humour from the text, substituting a series of dreary sight gags that look very much as though they are talking down to the audi-ence, though that is depressing enough. To judge from advance publicity, quite a few had been dropped before Sunday's premiere, but not nearly enough - the Glyndebourne picnic joke should have been cut on the first day of rehearsal. The sight-gag at the final curtain failed to work, so the

at his curtain-call to show us what we missed. Oh dear, amateurs' night out, at Glyndebourne of all places. Bathing beauties, flashing

halos, a conveyor-belt gag that kills one of the funniest musical numbers in the score, a generally coarse handling of the erotic shenanigans that in Rossim's hands are all tonguein cheek understatement, all that is bad enough; but what was really incomprehensible at this address was the dismal standard of stagecraft. Ezio Toffolutti's dreary sets and garish costumes are dimly lit as if by random - whether or not you see the singers seems purely a matter of chance The heroine has one of the

great operatic entrances - but here you didn't know who she was, or even if she was on stage. She was then stuck right at the side for the first-act finale, practically invisible. Chorus entries were awkwardly handled, and the audience was understandably slow to respond: a general exit and scene change designed to be accompanied by applause had to be executed in total, embarrassing silence.

The worst thing is that, being so busy with irrelevant gags. Savary leaves his poor singers swinging in the wind. Who they were supposed to be, director wheeled the prop on- or why none could tell. Some



Phew, what a scorcher: Marc Laho (Count Ory) gets an eyeful of Annick Massis (Adèle)

survive, just. The French soprano Annick Massis (Adèle) is a real find, a high coloratura with sparky tone, a good technique and an exceedingly handsome presence. She sang with wit and style — sad she was wasted on stage. The Belgian tenor Marc Laho promised much in the title role, but the coarseness of the production spilt over into his singing rather too often. Di-

ana Montague (the amorous

Page) and Julien Robbins (the Tutor) sang extremely well: Jane Shaulis was wasted in the Margaret Dumont role, and Ludovic Tezier (Raimbaud) virtually disappeared.

Orchestrally the show had been well rehearsed. Andrew Davis drew disciplined playing from the London Philharmonic, and later in the run there may be a few more smiles; it was a bit strait-laced

on Sunday. Are there too many players for Rossini? There certainly are choristers I4 it says in the text, and there were 23. Such was the level of tedium that one was reduced to counting. In his interview here last week. Savary said that he might do good shows and not so good shows, but never boring ones. Wrong again, sweetheart.

RODNEY MILNES

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580 PROMS

THOSE who derive aesthetic satisfaction from the endless mechanistic aural loops that make up the music of Steve Reich, Philip Glass and others of their kind will have had a bean-feast at Sunday night's Prom given by the Ensemble Modern under John Adams, For those of us who haven't grasped their kind will have had a bean-feast at

the plot, it was a dismal evening. There were one or two brighter moments, but they were not in the first half, which began with Reich's Music for Mallet Instruments, Voices and Organ. This work of 1973 generates waves of canons on marimbas and glockenspiels, every now and then shifting the pattern to make sure everybody is still awake. The three women's voices (Micaela Haslam. Sarah Eyden and Heather Cairncross) contributing simplistic descants were well blended, and the players of Ensemble Modern seemed alert.

sheer tone colour. The same could not Dirty he said of Michael Gordon's Love Bead, which sets up disorientaling cross rhythms in grating sonorities. Gordon is a founder of New York's Bang en a Can festival. Having been brought up in Nicaragua, he studied among the leafy cloisters of Yale, neither place would one associate with

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with him.

"It's like going to the launderette," she eventually announces. "OK, I put my laundry in your machine and you're peeved." Peeved puts it mildly, and frightful consequences follow when Eileen picks up the scissors. Elizabeth would have been better advised to keep mum about the matter, even though the spineless Jim is moping around the place, termenting BARRY MILLINGTON | himself with guilt. When Elizabeth,

irritated beyond words by male spinelessness, bites his hand he gives a squawk of pain but then nods agree-

openly says what is going on in their heads. There are other British playwrights who do this but the eccentric candour of Goddard's characters put me in mind of the fluent neurotics who throng the plays of Christopher Durang Elizabeth's family dwell in Islington not New York, but they generate a similar sense of people perfectly in control of themselves as they drive down a busy street, except

Some of the ensuing crashes in the

Jacquetta May's direction for Plain Clothes (one of our keenest Fringe companies for hunting out new work) successfully manages the delicate business of exercising control over a work of heightened reality so that it peaks when required but does not sag between times.

stricken and svelte, Virginia Radcliffe is thrillingly good, and there are precise character studies from Janine Wood, Matthew Zajac and Edward

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BBC PROMS; On the musical menu presented to Promenaders this evening are Mendolssohn's overture Ruy Blas. Pigar's Collo Concerto and Bruckner's with Dissertation of the Concerts of the Co

Albert Half, Konsington Gors, SW7 (0171-589 8212), 7,30pm (5) GOODNIGHT DESDERONA (And Good Morning Juliet) Arm-Mare MacDonald's sprightly contains of two furnous tragedies into a modern rightness lace. Grace Theathe at the Latchmers, 503 Battersea Park Road, SW11, 9171-223 "Selfa Morning and Set sent

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment

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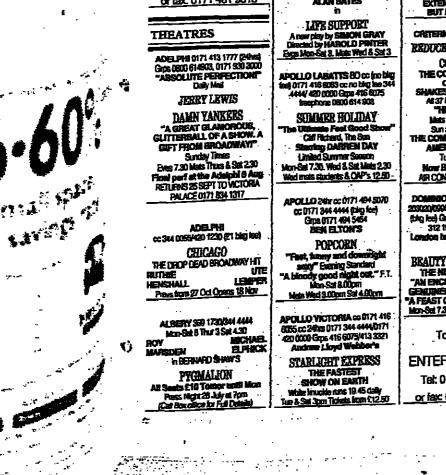
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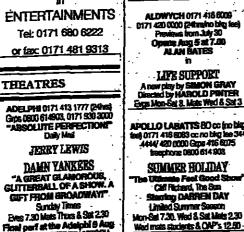
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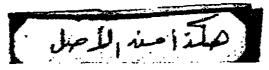
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Irwin Stelzer warns against pride before a cyclical fall

merica's economy is world," gloated President Clinton to his guests at the G7 summit in Denver. He is, of course, quite correct. America has had only one minor recession in the past 15 years. Everyone who wants a job has one, and more and more people are giving up stay-at-home status in favour of participating in the work between very low and nil. consumer confidence is at a 28year high and corporate profits continue to rise, driving stock prices to levels 20 per cent above those prevailing when Alan Greenspan. Feder-al Reserve Board chairman. expressed the fear in December that "irrational exuberance" had pushed share prices

to nervous-making levels. Britain, too, is on a roll, with an economy that is the envy of the rest of Europe. Little wonder that the Prime Minister and the President are joined in proclaiming the triumph of the "Anglo-Saxon model" over France's more centrally directed one (unemployment 12.5 per cent and rising), and Germany's less competitively oriented one (unemployment 11.4 per cent and rising). And lit-

tle wonder, too, that new Labour feels sufficiently confident that its policies will not wreck the Tory-built prosperi-ty to preach to old Europe that it had better become one of ly would be folly for

the Anglo-Saxons to become duces both financial and poli-

in a way, Mr Clinton's patriotic bragging represents a major retreat. When he took office, the talk was of the virtues of the European model, with its apprenticeship programmes and generous welfare. To the President's chagrin, it soon became apparent that German efficiency is not what it was; that its sickness benefits are so generous that it has become foolish Friday: that firing in Europe is so difficult that hiring be-

comes a last resort; and that the high raxes needed to fund the French and German welfare states are stifling initiative and investment. Equally important, it be-

came apparent that the Anglo-Saxon flexible labour market model is more likely to produce the social cohesion that Europeans once claimed as the virtue of their welfare states. Unlike French farmers, America's are not driving pigs through the streets of their capital; Britain's lorry drivers don't decide periodically to shut down the county's transport system.

The danger for the Anglo-Saxons is that appropriate self-satisfaction and merely annoving bragging may give way to hubris. There are young traders in the City and on Wall Street who are unfamiliar with the word "down". Worse still, they have investorclients who are similarly ignorant. There are politicians on both the Left and the Right in America who are so certain that inflation has been forever

interred that they are pressing the Federal Reserve chairman to loosen monetary policy to stimulate still faster growth. And there are financial analysts and reporters who are suggesting that the business cycle is a thing of the past, that globalisation and other forces have created a new, recessionfree paradigm.

Would that it were so. But it

changed. Because manufac-nurers in America can now draw on the excess labour of the developing world, and on immigrants, they can resist wage pressures even in the face of full employment at home. Because consumers can rely on imports of everything resist efforts by domestic manufacturers to raise prices. And because technology is improv-ing labour productivity — Luddite labour unions can no longer stand in the way of innovative equipment and work practices — higher wages need not mean higher

profits for employers.

All of this means that both Britain and America can now grow more rapidly, without triggering inflation, than they did in the past. But it is still

prices for consumers, or lower

possible for there to be a cyclical downturn in either coun-Young try. And it remains traders are true that pride goeth before the fall. For if the Anglounfamiliar Saxons forget that with the no tree grows to the sky, they are likely word down to fall victim to the arrogance that pro-

> On the financial side, this arrogance takes the form of persuading oneself that risky investments aren't. Consider this: Slovenia's bonds now bear an interest rate only onehalf of a percentage point higher than those of the US Treasury. And banks are beginning to relax lending standards as they did in the good old days of the oil and property

n the political side, hubris takes the form of forgetting that Harold Macmillan was right when he warned that a gov ernment's biggest problem is "events, dear boy, events". The American government is in the process of selling off part of its strategic reserve of crude oil, as if the Middle East had become a stable place. And new environmental regulations are about to impose billions of dollars of costs on American industry (and on

Britain's, if new Labour's

greens have their way), as if

competition from China and

other exporters no longer must

be reckoned with. If these and similar policies do combine to slow or reverse the growth of the Anglo-Saxon economies, don't expect any sympathy from the Europeans: they aren't about to forget our haughtiness during their time of troubles. But then, they are unlikely to be sympathetic to us in any event.

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drinking single malt and idly scanning days-old newspapers before the wet mist turns them into papier-mache, the froth and eddy of journalistic speculation enters your dreams and takes on a surreal, luminous

One night near the end of this dim, idyllic break I sat under a full moon in Oban Bay, half watching a busker juggling burning torches on the prom, and read the alleged news that Radio 4 is to sweep away such dross

as myself to win a younger audience.

Too dozy to care much, I turned the wet page to read about the burden which university tuition fees will put upon new graduates as they struggle to pay back loans. Then sleep fell and I dreamt that I had unveiled a conspiracy. The Radio 4 Controller, James Boyle, was holding secret meetings with Sir Ron Dearing in an Edinburgh pub. Between them these cunning devils had cooked up a brilliant idea: charge tuition fees, and under 30 will ever again have any spare money for going out, due to the loan repayments. So they'll have to stay in and listen to Radio 4, thus bringing an educated young audience to the senior radio service, even as they pay back the cost of their education to the taxpayer. Simple. I think Mrs Parker Bowles came into the conspiracy somewhere, too, and

T Rex, but cannot quite recall how. Awake again, back home and listening more soberly as the tyrannosaur footsteps of the Dearing report thump closer, the situation of the 21st-century student becomes ever more interesting to contemplate. Things are going to change in higher education, and it looks as if it will happen fast.

It seems clear from carefully organised leaks that, exempting only the very poorest families, the Government will press ahead and make all students pay a good whack in tuition fees: three, maybe four, thousand pounds. Maintenance grants will be phased out also and replaced by loans. The loans will have to be paid back, probably as soon as your salary tops £10.500 a year (at present it happens at £15,000).

To pay back debts amounting to a year's salary will take time and pain: the class of 2001 may look with

Dearing's proposals will make life tougher for students — but some of the side-effects might be bracing

loathing at us, their parents, who in the early 1970s ambled into a sunny world full of jobs, with an overdraft barely bigger than our hangover. I remember it well: I sold my gown and dictionary to pay the bookshop bill and spent the summer working in a bar before the BBC training salary of £895 a year kicked in. It did not matter that it was peanuts: there was no debt. The taxpayer had set me up nicely and waved me on my way with a blessing. Palmy days.

Of course, there will still be students who start this way. Parents who have paid for private education are likely to pay

university tuition, too, and to make their children allowances (in some ready a rather disgraceful practice of getting the young to take out the student loan they don't need, so that it can

be used as a free loan for a kitchen extension or swimming-pool). There will always be a cushion of affluence to start some young lives bouncing. But most students will have to borrow, to work for sustenance in vacations, and to rely on parents for extra comforts such as holidays, or a room at home, or help with the rent of slightly less sordid digs than most. They will face the prospect of paying the money back very early in their working lives. The bleakness of this is already familiar from the recent years of grant erosion; it can only get bleaker.

I would rather it were not so. I have an uncomfortable sense of doors closing in the face of potential students whose fear of debt outweighs their fragile confidence. I fear for graduates, too, when the good jobs are not there and they seem to have hung a financial albatross around their necks for nothing; for those who are lured into company "scholarships" and find themselves ried hand and foot to an uncongenial corporation for a decade; and for

financially wobbly parents, close to retirement, who will contemplate their child's brilliant A-level predictions with uncomfortably mixed feel-

I fear especially for girls, whose emotional antennae may be more finely tuned to those mixed feelings, and who may pretend not to care about university out of affection and duty. We could see again all sorts of old-fashioned situations. There is a story in our family that my widowed Fifeshire grandfather insisted that not only his sons but his daughter go to St Andrew's: my aunt attempted to

stay at home and look after him, and he all but drove her out with a stick, so great was his belief There must have been plenty of other girls whose parents were softer, and

readily gave in to the comfort of having them stay at home earning a bit with a typewriter and costing nothing until Mr More-or-Less-Right came

But since it looks as if the Dearing deal is on the way, whatever I fear, it is worth looking for redeeming features. One bracing side-effect could be that university applicants start to think of themselves less as lucky winners of a place, and more as customers. If the clock is ticking up a large personal debt, they may feel readier to complain about shoddy teaching, wally courses, idle lecturers and unread assignments. These do exist: it is expected (and by some of us, devoutly hoped) that Dearing will point the finger at some of the badly run courses and time-wasting mediocrities which deface the system.

Maybe if there is a hesitation or a temporary fall in student applications (nobody seems to expect a permanent drop) sixth-formers, too, will rapidly learn to ask hard questions of the universities, especially if their desired course claims to be vocational. So you want to do media

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paying.
Less dedicated university staffs may shortly find that any extra money that comes their way is more than counterweighted by increasingly demanding students, not to be fobbed off all term because their supposed supervisor is on a freebie in Oman, or busy writing a potboiler on stress management.

Another redeeming feature would be if the new funding arrangement can seem like a fair deal between the for charging fees, after all, is that graduates usually end up earning 20 per cent more than non-graduates. Some don't however they earn modestly and we-all benefit from their trained dedication. This must be recognised. Labour must-fulfil and vastly expand its pre-election idea of offering a social bargain in which people who do modestly-paid essential jobs are let off repaying their

student loan. The original suggestion covered say, a decade of state school teaching. or a period of working in the NHS as a doctor. This should be extended to include health workers with specialist skills, some medical researchers, social and care workers, perhaps the police and the armed and emergency services. This would ensure quality competition for such jobs: even better, it would signal firm social approval of these vocations and provide some kind of answer to the embarrassing question bright sixth-formers always ask: "Why do worthwhile jobs pay so

much less?" It's a good test of Mr Blair's Government: will it do more than just manage efficiently? Will it put effort and intelligence and moral vision into making the new systems work fairly, not just smoothly? We wait, with bated breath.

The Celtic conversion of England

John Haldane on

a Blairite mission to the selfish south

t has often been said that Celtic Christianity, led by St Columba, saved Europe from barbarism in the 6th century. It is undeniable that, given its size and relative lack of wealth, Scotland has been remarkably productive of men (and women) of ideas — and of action. From Dark Age Celtic missionaries to the Protestant Reformation, and from Adam Smith and David Hume to Lord Reith and Cardinal Winning. Scottish life has been marked by a degree of concern for social morality that has generally been lacking south of the border. This fact may be of more than merely historical and sociological interest. It may be Britain's hope. The New York Times recently

published an article by Karl Meyer, The Genius of Scotland", which argued that the cloning of a sheep by the Roslyn geneticists and the election to government of Tony Blair's Labour Party were examples of the long tradition of benign innovation associated with Scotland. Meyer attributed this national virtue to the country's education system. Remarkably, the Prime Minister, the Chancellor, the Foreign Secretary, the Chief Secretary and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, the Defence Secretary, the Minister for Europe, the Lord Chancellor and the Solicitor General are all of Scottish origin. Given this possibly unprecedented national grouping in government, and the moral evangelism of the Scots, it would be surprising if there were not ambitions to effect deep changes in British society. I believe the process is

under way. In the 1980s, a criticism began to be voiced that Western liberal societies were excessively individualistic and committed to moral neutrality in public life. Consequently, they are unable to recognise, let alone to promote, the virtues of moral communities. This communitarian challenge has become something of an orthodoxy among political theorists and the politicians they have influenced. One of its authors is the Scots-Irish philosopher. Alasdair MacIntyre, who is much quoted in social democratic circles. MacIntyre is a convert to Catholicism favoured by religiously inclined public figures.
The problem, as Macintyre sees it.

that modern societies are demoralised and culturally fragmented. All that remain as bases for policy-making are appeals to personal advantage, or to threats of alien domination. Interestingly, these negthe Tories' election campaign: vote Labour and watch taxes rise and British interests be sold out to Europe: New Labour, by contrast, made much of rectitude in public life, economic justice at home, and a blend of morality and pragmatism in foreign policy.

There are, however, reasons for doubting whether new Labour's term of office will see improvements in the moral condition of government and of society. Many of its supporters in the urban middle class, particularly in London, are detached from traditional communities, and celebrate their rejection of conformity to older social norms. These supporters also give emphasis to freedom of choice as against habits of acceptance, selfsacrifice and duty. Witness in this regard the marginalisation of Labour for Life, the anti-abortion lobby group, and Mr Blair's personal discomfort over the abortion issue.

ut as one moves north, the soil of moral community grows deeper. Cross the border and one enters another country, with its own religious tradition and its own educational and legal systems. Until recently, moral philosophy was more or less compulsory in Scottish universities and it is still pursued by large numbers of first-year art students. Scots in general are better educated, more settled and more morally conservative than their English counterparts. The class system is less pronounced and attitudes to Europe and the world are less xenophobic.

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Out of this world have grown the leading figures of the Cabinet and, in particular, a Prime Minister with a clear ambition to nurture a sense of moral community. That ambition, and his administration, if it identifies itself with it, could be broken by resistance from rootless, self-indulgent individualists and from pressure groups promoting interests rather than values. A better inner-government strategy is suggested by the lives and missionaries of St Columba and his Celtic followers. They had first to establish strong moral communities within Scotland before they

could venture further.
In short, the Blairite mission might do well to establish itself first in Scotland and then move south through the old communities of Sunderland, Lancashire and Yorkshire, building on the folk memory of shared existence. By stages, southern resistance to reform might reduce, or at any rate be less formidable. A Celtic conversion - or reconversion - could be in the offing, and at that point the Tories would look back on the 1997 election defeat and realise that their greatest loss was Scotland.

Camping it up

next month. Tony Blair is said to be considering taking his family back to Bullins in Bognor Regis. The talk among the Garden Girls of the Downing Street typing pool is that the Prime Minister is keen not only to shed some of his more conspicuous new Labour Terence Contan-Richard Rogers glitter, but also to placate his three children - Euan. Nicholas and Kathryn - who spent half-term at the camp with their nanny and grandmother two years ago.

Butlins offers all sorts of advantages — it is aggressively unmetropolitan and attractively John Prescott in comparison to villas in Tuscany.

Downing Street's press office declared itself far too busy to discuss the PM's holidays. Down in Bognor Regis, however, the atmosphere is like happy hour in the Hawaiian lounge. When the last Blair party visited, they stayed in a self-catering County Suite costing 1146 per person per week and were egged on by the club's 40 Redcoats to try pole-jousting, hingo, darts and pedaloe-riding. "I would love to see the Blair children again." says one of the Butlins staff. "They had perfect manners."

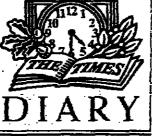
There was sympathy among Salisbury's publicans for the plight of the former Prime Minister. Sir Edward Heath, who hosted a garden party for them over the weekend. Over the warm beer, he spoke of the trickle-down effect from the recent sale by Pamela Harriman, the late American Amhassador to France, of the Churchilliana she had accumulated from her first marriage to Randolph. Winston's son. Since the sale, the price of Churchilliana has skyrockered, leaving Sir Edward, who owns two portraits of Churchill, with massively increased insurance premiums.

Blank pages

CHAOTIC scenes at the House of Commons yesterday, as Britain's most prominent Asian women descended on Westminster for the launch of Women of Substance, a book of biographies. They arrived expecting a light buffet in the Jubilee Room at the Commons, only to

find emptiness. Keith Vaz, MP for Leicester East. had booked the room on behalf of Hansib Publishers, but when the

office of the Serjeant at Arms dis-



covered it was for a book launch they stepped in and cancelled the booking. Apparently they were still feeling scorched by the occasion last year when Gerry Adams tried to launch his book in the Commons and was refused after mass outrage at the idea.

Letters of apology went out last Thursday but not everyone received them, leaving one very grand and huffy Asian woman to remark: "We wim't be asking Keith Vaz to help out again."

Moi bueno

UNAFFECTED and seemingly undaunted by the ugly goings-on in Kenya is Andrew Morton, author of Diana: Her True Story about Diana, Princess of Wales, and now working on a biography of the beleaguered Kenyan President. Daniel arap Moi. Morton has spent some two years researching his authorised life of Moi, and completed his first draft earlier this year. He insists the recent trouble will not necessitate a rewrite.

"I have made several research trips to Kenya," says Morton "and this is merely the culmination of a problem that has been there for years. It is not a crisis - only 13 people have been killed."

Saddle sir

IN recognition of his work on Westminster Cathedral, John Phil-



After Phillips retired last month. Cardinal Hume recommended to the Vatican that he receive the Equestrian Order of St Sylvester. an honour rarely given to non-Catholics. "It's so exciring," says Phillips, who was invested last week. "Now I'm allowed to tether my horse to the cathedral." Whales have been making Californía's Cadillac owners miser-

able. Their car alarms have been going off spontaneously, their boots flapping open and doors locking and unlocking. Scientists though! the cars were being affected by some kind of military radio signal. Then they sussed it out: the Cadillac's radios shared a frequency with whale song and were responding to the whales conversing deep in the Pacific.

Censored

IRELAND'S film censor has banned a video featuring Tony Blair's father-in-law, the actor Anthony Booth. Confessions from the

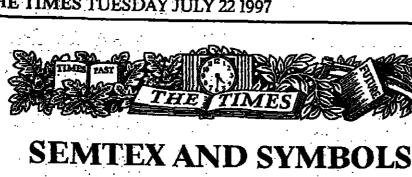


Anthony Booth and Cherie

David Galaxy Affair is one of a series of saucy Seventies films and features a young Booth together with the late Diana Dors and her husband Alan Lake... Seamus Smith, the censor, said

the video "would tend, by reason of the inclusion of abscene or indecent matter, to deprave or corrupt"."It's a bit saucy but otherwise quite a harmless film, says Stephen Rivers, the film's distributor. "Tony, who probably doesn't even know the film has been transferred to video, doesn't take his kit off and isn't involved in any sex

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Why decommissioning matters more than Whitehall thinks

republicans are still flourishing their weapons. The timing of the IRA's announcement this weekend was designed to impale David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, on a fork. If Mr Trimble acquiesced in the admission of Sinn Fein to talks with no guarantee that a single bullet would ever be surrendered by the IRA, he would not remain leader of the Ulster Unionist Party for long. If, however, he walked away altogether from talks, republicans would enjoy the pleasure of blaming the representatives of the democratic majority for erecting obstacles to "peace". Not for the first time, however, Mr Trimble has shown himself shrewder than his enemies had hoped and more determined to see negotiations succeed than his opponents allow.

Mr Trimble stressed yesterday that he is not abandoning the talks process, and indeed is broadening it by initiating wider consultation with Northern Ireland's citizens. But he emphasised that the Government's current position on decommissioning remains an impediment to progress. Although Mr Blair has assured the House of Commons that he wants weapons handed over during talks, his Government has provided Sinn Fein with assurances that this would not be required.

The accord on decommissioning reached between the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo. Mowlam, and the Irish Foreign Affairs Spokesman, Ray Burke, allows the IRA to sit on its armoury for as long as it pleases. Mr Blair says that he cannot go back on that agreement. But unless he provides a guarantee that decommissioning will occur, Mr Trimble will have no option but to vote against the accord. Mr Trimble, unlike Gerry Adams, is the leader of a democratic party, not a Leninist vanguard.

For many on the mainland the Unionist position on decommissioning seems ab- more.

The IRA may have called a ceasefire but surdly stubborn. Surely, they say, even if the IRA chose to hand over a few weapons, it would still retain the capacity to go back to war; the Unionists are exhausting their allies' patience by insisting on the irrelevant. That is a misreading, of the kind that has bedevilled too many Whitehall officials who have brought their maps and rules to Ulster's borders.

Decommissioning weapons, as the Unionist MP Ken Maginnis pointed out yesterday, is the physical symbol of a psychological renunciation of violence. Although one might wish that the people of Northern Ireland could approach the peace process with the detachment of the cosmopolitan rationalist, there would be no need for a peace process if they did. Years of constitutional instability have forced Ulster's citizens to cling to symbols for security, as republicans know well.

Even though the token surrender of armalites could satisfy the demand for decommissioning without affecting military capability, republican strategists still will not contemplate such a course. It would, they believe, send an unacceptable signal to the world, and worse, to their grassroots, that they had definitively decided to abandon the armed struggle. Such a renunciation would entitle Sinn Fein to no more influence over Ulster's future than other minor parties and make its leadership targets for those of its supporters addicted to terror.

It is precisely because the republican leaders are still incapable of taking that risk for peace that Unionists are right to question their good faith, and wise to wait before talking. It is in Mr Blair's interests to ensure that republicans realise that they will have to hand over weapons if they are to shape Ulster's future. This is not just a sop to Unionists but a safeguard against another ceasefire broken and new hopes dashed once

WORK TO WELFARE

Why the French are still different

Fifty days after being sworn into office, the has yet again been sacrificed at the altar of French Government has outlined the first instalment of its policies. Faced with the irreconcilable nature of the programme on which they were elected and the Maastricht convergence criteria to which they remain committed, the Socialists have fudged both. Lionel Jospin had pledged an end to had also proposed an economic audit to assess the real level of French public-sector debt. The package vesterday placed almost its entire emphasis on corporate taxation. This may technically satisfy past promises but will do little for France.

The audits undertaken by the Finance Minister, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, are the prelude to a full scale mini-Budget scheduled for September. At that point the Government will attempt to implement its wider economic strategy. These plans centre on the creation of 700,000 jobs - half on the public payroll - and the phased introduction of a 35-hour working week without loss of wages. Such a programme has rather more relevance to the 19th than the 21st century. It will also undo whatever progress might be made towards the Maastricht targets. Further increases in all types of

taxation are probably inevitable. The additional costs on companies will be passed on through higher prices or lower employment. The unemployed - some 12 per cent of the prospective workforce or about double that in Britain - had little reason for optimism under the premiership of Alain Juppe. It appears they will have no more under M Jospin. Economic expansion

monetary union. If the measures announced had ensured that France met the Maastricht criteria they might have been justified in some quarters. As it is, the Government's own projections suggest that the deficit will still exceed 3 per cent of GDP at the end of 1997.

None of this will end the crisis of instability at the heart of the French political system. It has been 13 years since François Mitterrand abandoned his initial Keynesianism in favour of monetary austerity. In that time four different governments have sought re-election, all of them unsuccessfully. During the same period there have been nine Prime Ministers. On present evidence M Jospin may last little longer than his predecessors. The two consistent features have been continuous high unemployment and a slow but steady rise in support for the extreme-right National Front. Those trends seem unlikely to abate.

The contrast between the British and French Left could hardly be more vivid. Gordon Brown used his opening opportunity to cut corporation tax. M Strauss-Kahn has chosen to increase it. The Chancellor in London is concerned about excessive consumer spending: the Finance Minister in Paris has no such dilemma. Unemployment is falling on one side of the Channel but remains high on the other. The long-term legacy of Labour's first financial statement has been the Welfare-to-Work initiative. In France, the Socialists have assured that thousands more will make that same move in the opposite direction.

NO TRANSLATION

Forward to shortlist, prize and school

In May this year the critic John Carey called for a new book of poetry to be purchased for every school in Britain. Its author was the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes. Its inspiration was an acknowledged classic of European literature. Its subject was change - physical change, character change, the possibilities of a world in which the impossible was suddenly possible.

This was surely a plea which should have reached the ear of the new Government. What better way to celebrate a neglected British giant, a commitment to traditional education and a transformed political landscape?

Carey's call was not, however, immediately heeded. Tony Blair had other matters on his mind. Gordon Brown, civilised man though he is, may have feared that a £14.99 volume for every school library might be the thin end of a very wordy wedge. So, during Labour's first days of office, Ted Hughes's Tales from Ovid has been selling merely briskly, not in the numbers of a bureaucratic

bulk purchase. The judges of the Forward Poetry Prize have now stepped forward to give a further jog to the ministerial elbow. They have ignored the arguments from the garretdwellers that Mr Hughes hardly needs their £10,000; they have dismissed the cries of the poetry pack that the prize will be barely noticed, still less appreciated, by a man who has won so much before. And they have

placed his Tales from Ovid on their shortlist. There is still, however, one small obstacle. Professor Carey may call the work "breathtaking". The Times's own reviewer may

describe it as "one of the great works of the century". But the rules of the Forward Prize preclude the entry of translations.

Ovid, himself, would not have seen this as much of a problem. His Metamorphoses was a massive mythological work that itself owed much to previous models. If the estates of the Greek poets had had grasping lawyers. Ovid would have faced serious copyright claims. Indeed no Roman poet would have escaped the law courts. Translation, adaptation, transformation, plagiarism and every stage in between: all were part of literary Latin

When English writers turned to Ovid, the result was a mixture of the plainest translation (works that would never have reached the Forward shortlists of their times) and the most inventive creation (that of Dryden and the 16th-century poet Arthur Golding being supreme). The difference is a matter on which critics and judges may disagree. But Hughes's work, by every account, is a work about transformation that

is a transformation in itself. A metamorphosis is the miraculous change of a subject from one state to another, one shape to another and one part of reality to another. Under the poet's will, humans turn to sea birds, to song birds, to wild flowers, snakes and stars. Metamorphosis allows plot twists worthy of a soap opera and ontological meditations fit for philosophers. As Mr Hughes wrote in The Times five years ago, it is "the first principle of poetic creation". Yes, Tales from Ovid should be on the shortlist, on the prizewinner's podium - and in every school.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Churches face up to unemployment

From the Bishop of Liverpool

Sir, Those who criticise Church comments on daily realities like to claim that they are made by bishops or clergy who are assumed to live with their heads in the clouds. William Rees-Mogg commenting upon the report of the Churches' inquiry into unemployment ("Bishops buy a job lot", July 17) complains of bishops who support Keynes without having read The General Theory.

The working party which produced the report was drawn from all the main Churches in Britain and Ireland, not just the Church of England: it comprised 12 lay people and four clergy. All have wide experience in this vital human field. For example, Andrew Britton, the principal author, came from his distinguished work as Director of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research. William Rees-Mogg does not mention him in his criticisms of the report. He describes the report as "protec-

tionist. a position quite explicitly rejected by the authors. They say: It does not seem plausible to us that Britain could stand aside from the globalisation of markets, without becoming increasingly isolated and impoverished.

He equates the policies supported in the report with those adopted in continental Europe. What the report actually says is quite different: The condition of the unemployed in contin-ental Europe cries out for justice just as

much as the condition of the working poor in America. To put that right will require major reforms to the European model, not few "schemes" which tinker at the

More fundamentally Rees-Mogg is wrong when he says that the cure of unemployment is not a moral issue. The inquiry was set up by the Churches, not just to analyse the trends in the labour market but also to "evaluate the policy options from a Christian standpoint". They have done this with economic sophistication - as most commentators have recognised - and also with deep moral commitment. It is an illusion to suppose that the ends of economic policy can be discussed separately from the means.

To give just one example: when is it right to say to people experiencing un-employment that the receipt of the Job Seeker's Allowance is dependent upon their joining a particular training course? Christianity is not only relevant to the grand design of economic strategy; it is also about the way it is implemented in detail.

I believe the report, Unemployment and the Future of Work, has demonstrated that the Churches have their own distinctive contribution to make to these debates, which is different from that of any purely secular political philosophy. I am delighted that the General Synod gave the report such a warm welcome.

Yours faithfully, TDAVID LIVERPOOL Church House, l Hanover Street, Liverpool 1.

From the Reverend Nicolas Stacey

Sir, William Rees-Mogg may be right to rubbish the Church report on unemployment and the future of work adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England.

It would be helpful if he was to write a second article suggesting what polities he would adopt to give employ-ment and so hope to the 26.9 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds in the Borough of Newham who are currently jobless. Or do we have to admit that nothing can be done to give them a future off

Yours faithfully. NICOLAS STACEY (Chairman). East Thames Housing Group. 3 Tramway Avenue, El5.

Cathedral fabric

From Ms Jane Kennedy

Sir, Dr David King (letter, July 18) asks why the northwestern turrets at Ely Cathedral have not been rebuilt. The whole of the northwestern transept did collapse in the Middle Ages its replacement now would cost tens of millions of pounds. The dean and chapter have rightly concentrated in recent years on raising funds to repair the standing fabric — an immense task, which we hope to complete for the new millennium.

Considerable thought has now also been put into the provision of much-needed visitor facilities, with the aim of removing the cathedral shop from the rear of the nave aisle and rehousing the refectory (which, despite Dr King's memory, has always been located in a self-contained structure built on the site of the northwest transept).

Wide consultations are being held and a number of alternative locations are being considered. A development on the site of the northwest transept is one possibility; but the needs of the cathedral, the cost of the development, its effect on views of the cathedral and the likely public response, will all need careful consideration.

Yours sincerely JANE KENNEDY (Surveyor to the Fabric of Ely Cathedral), Purcell Miller Tritton & Partners (Architects and design consultants), 46a St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire. July 18.

Effect of court fees on justice for all

tude (report, July 15) to the conversion of St Paul: however I doubt that the

Deity did in fact appear to Lord Irvine

of Lairg on his journey from King's

Bench Walk to his spacious apart-ment in the Palace of Westminster.

It would therefore be interesting to

know just what has brought about

this dramatic "post-practice remorse",

as it was described yesterday in that

saint's cathedral, at the memorial

service for Lord Taylor. Has it any connection with Lord Irvine's transla-

tion from highly risky and pension-

less practice at the Bar to the safe

haven of an assured salary and a

Sir, The Chairman of the Bar Council

(letter, July 17) is right that the sub-

stantial fees earned by top lawyers are

negotiated at arm's length in a free

market, but is quite mistaken if he really believes that these fees "do not

affect access to justice for those of

Having practised as a solicitor in

central London for nearly 40 years, I

believe that the old adage still applies

to almost all those who do not qualify

for legal aid, "the courts are open to

everyone - like the Ritz Hotel". I also

believe that the American system of

contingent fees goes a very long way

to seeing that deserving cases get

justice when otherwise they would

Sir, How lucky we all are to have such

an enlightened and altruistic Lord

Chancellor, who not only feels able to

liken himself to St Paul but who

shows such tender and unselfish con-

cern for the welfare of litigants appar-

ently misguided enough to have val-

ued his own services as a QC, and

those of his former colleagues, at such

guaranteed life pension?

Fountain Court. Temple. EC4.

I am, Sir, your humble

and obedient servant.

From Mr A. J. Cotton

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modest means".

Yours etc.

A. J. COTTON,

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DAVID M. MORRIS.

Yours faithfully.

From Mr David M. Morris

From Mr Stanley Brodie, QC

Sir, A gratuitous, and irrelevant, as-sault on so-called "fat cat" QCs is not what one expects of a responsible Lord Chancellor (letters, July 17).

The perfectly legitimate issue raised by Lord Ackner in the Lords debate on July 14 - namely, the protection of the constitutional rights of access of a litigant of modest means from the impact of new and increased court fees called for a more convincing response than a diatribe against a handful of high-earning QCs out of 8,000 or more practising barristers, the major-ity of whom rely on legal aid as their source of income. No doubt Lord Irvine of Lairg's remarks were intended for media headlines; they did not meet Lord Ackner's question.

One of the reasons for the increased court fees is doubtless the need to finance the cost of the Lord Chancellor's ever-burgeoning department. From a small office in 1971 it has become an employer of many thousands. Anyone who has had dealings with it cannot help being depressed by its apparent inefficiency and waste.

The Lord Chancellor would impress more were he to announce a farreaching examination of his own department to ensure that it provides the public with a cost-effective court service. One can hardly charge more for a service without improving its quality and value.

Yours faithfully, S. BRODIE, 2 Hare Court, Temple, EC4.

From Viscount Bledisloe, QC

Sir, The Lord Chancellor's thesis that it is lawyers' fees, and not court charges, which deter litigants of modest means is strikingly contradicted by the fact that - as I learned from my colleagues - at the very moment

when he was making his speech a number of so-called "fat cat" lawyers were considering the plight of a litigant whose lawyers were acting for him free of charge. pro bono publico. They had been unable to find money for the court charges which had to be paid before the litigant could pursue his appeal.

I am also concerned with another aspect of the Lord Chancellor's speech. As he himself admitted, he was until his recent appointment happily, or at least regularly, charging these very high fees for his own services. He likened his change of atti-

EU and Estonia

From Dr Graham Smith

Seven) to grant citizenship to children born in Estonia of non-citizen parents and who would otherwise be stateless.

9 St Leonards Road, Exeter, Devon.

Sir, In considering Estonia for membership (report, later editions, July 16), the European Union would do well to note that that country denies citizenship to a third of its residents. These are primarily Russian speakers of whom a large proportion were born in Estonia. Equally disconcerting is that since 1992 some 102,000 of them have opted for citizenship of Russia although our programme's research

shows that most Russians in Estonia would prefer Estonian citizenship. For most, the major obstacle to becoming citizens of Estonia is the existence of a language law requiring applicants to pass an Estonian language test, a language very different from Russian and which the majority of ordinary Russian industrial workers who settled in Estonia during the Soviet period were not obliged to learn. The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe has recently encouraged the Estonian Gov-

ernment as a signatory to the Conven-tion on the Rights of the Child (Article

These approaches have so far made no headway in Tallinn.

Estonia's most significant national minority woke up one morning in December 1991 to discover that the country in which they were citizens -the Soviet Union — no longer existed. Should the EU be prepared to admit a country which does not permit large numbers of its inhabitants to vote in national elections and which denies them certain social and civil rights? If membership of the EU is also

about furthering liberal democracy and securing good relations with its eastern neighbour, Russia, then EU countries surely need to exert further pressure on Estonia to put its own house in order before granting it membership.

Yours sincerely **GRAHAM SMITH** (Director). Post-Soviet States Research Programme, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

Tax in Scotland

From the Earl of Perth

Sir. Magnus Linklater's column today on the future Edinburgh Parliament. "A day for Scotland's bravehearts", is, as always, well informed and gives much food for thought. On a single point I reluctantly take issue: "Taxvarying powers would be included but ... their effect would be at best marginal."

Three per cent income tax yields around £450 million, which is marginal only compared to the block grant for Scotland of around £15 billion; its effect on those overseas companies contemplating investing in the UK, however, would surely be to make them look elsewhere in the UK. Indeed companies already long established in Scotland might seek to move,

as might individuals. This might well lead to more unemployment in Scot-land, with no offsetting carrot to tempt newcomers from overseas. There will be many, many conten-

tious issues, as Magnus Linklater suggests, to keep the Scottish Parliament fully occupied during its first five years of life. I beg your Scots readers to vote "no" on the second referendum question — "I do/do not agree that a Scottish Parliament should have tax-varying powers" - knowing that such a hugely important issue, which could lead to the break up of the Union, is better considered later — say in the second Parliament. Principle should give way to pragmatism.

Yours truly. PERTH. House of Lords. July 17.

Death of Versace

From Mr Brian North Lee

Sir, Anne McStravick's disapproval of the coverage of Versace's death (letter, July 19) is regrettable. One of the joys of your, and our, paper's coverage in recent years has been an insistence on breaking old barriers over who or what is newsworthy, and it extends also to obituaries of numerous folk who in the past would have totally eluded notice.

Newspapers should and do extend our horizons. "He was only a dress-maker, for heaven's sake" is condescending in the extreme in view of Versace's flair and genius. That I've never been able to afford his creations is immaterial, since I'm too old to do

Yours sincerely, BRIAN NORTH LEE. 32 Barrowgate Road, W4.

Plus factor

From Mr Peter Lant

Sir, Was the statement that a "canal tax" on cyclists of "E12.50 each ... would add £50 to the cost of a cycling holiday for the average family of four (Travel News, July 17) to demonstrate the writer's mathematical prowess, or based on a perception that your readers are victims of the fall in numeracy

Yours faithfully. PETER LANT. 19 Barningham Gardens. Plymouth, Devon. plant21332@aoi.com July 17.

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'Welcome reality' on university costs

From Professor Sir Graham Hills,

Sir, If indeed students will be required to contribute towards the cost of their undergraduate studies (report and leading article. July 21), then a welcome measure of reality will have en-tered into the funding of universities. It would, however, be regrettable if this were seen simply as a financial penalty on students and their parents. instead of the first step towards the opening-up of higher education to all.

Two vital ingredients of these new funding arrangements must not be lost sight of. They reveal, for the first time, both the true cost of each student's higher education and the large contribution made by the State rowards that cost.

For the latter to be appreciated it has first to be identified and then dignified with the title of bursary or scholarship - something to be thankful for. Then, as the President of the Union of Students has repeatedly stated, the ability to learn will be matched by the ability to pay, and this time for

The freedom of students to spend their bursaries where they will would, in turn, guarantee the continued independence of the universities and. through simple market forces, the

quality of what they provide. Under these circumstances the Dearing report will be remembered as the opening of the doors to higher education and to everyone who can benefit - the Robbins proposal no less. That being so and seen to be so, new Labour, old Labour and every thinking person should have reason to be pleased.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM HILLS, Sunnyside of Threepwood. Laigh Threepwood, Beith, Avrshire.

From Mr Michael McClean

Sir, I believe it self-evident that education is of benefit to a community, and that part of that benefit is the sense of community developed by that education.

Does it not weaken the link between education and the community when a decision to take a university course depends on a judgment determined by the student's personal finances rather than by the priorities of the community?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL MCCLEAN. 33b Cornwall Crescent, WII. July 18.

From Dr B. W. Manley, President of the Institute of Physics

Sir, Simon Jenkins (article, "Payment by degrees", July 9: letter, July 16) suggests that students should pay different tuition fees depending upon what subject they study at university.

Were fees to be related to costs, it would seriously damage science in the UK. Already the number choosing to study science is inadequate to develop our wealth-creating capability; we do not need a further disincentive.

Young people should decide what to study on aptitude and inclination not on what it would cost them. Science is expensive to deliver at university yet our economy depends upon it. We should not tax our young people to pay for a national need.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN MANLEY, President. The Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, WI. physics@iop.org

BBC and Booker

From Gerald Kaufman, MP for Manchester Gorton (Labour)

Sir, Your Diary today reports that coverage of the Booker Prize ceremony is being transferred from BBC TV to Channel 4 because the BBC demanded payment from Booker towards the costs of transmitting this programme. Can this be the same BBC which

has just renewed the contract with Camelot, whereby the BBC is reported to pay Camelot £550,000 a year for the privilege of advertising that notexactly-unprofitable organisation? I trust that this transaction will be

remembered when the BBC next comes crawling to Parliament (soon to be the ex-star of the shortly-to-beexecuted Yesterday in Parliament) for an increase in the licence.

Yours sincerely. GERALD KAUFMAN. House of Commons.

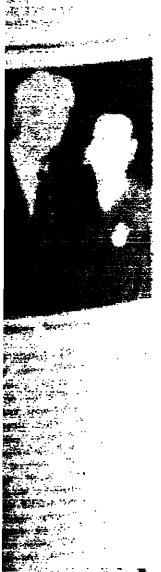
Floral disarray

From Mrs Maureen Saunders

Sir, I unequivocally agree with the sensible sentiments of the retired members of the clergy: "Never upset the church flower-arrangers" (letter, July 19). Having been a church flower lady

myself for over 20 years, my experience is that we make such an excellent job of upsetting one another that any interference whatsoever is super-

Sincerely yours, MAURÉEN SAUNDERS, The Gables. Dorchester Road, Wool, Dorset,



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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 21: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, took the Salute this evening at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

His Royal Highness, Patron. Outward Bound Trust, this afternuon gave a Luncheon at Frogmore House, Windsor Home

Baroness Gould The Potternewton (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this evening upon the Arrival of The Amir of the State of Qatar and welcomed His Highness on behalf of Her Maj-

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 21: The Duke of York this morning started the Chemical Dependency Centre Treasure Hunt at The Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, London

July 21: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this evening attended the Tesco Charity Pro-Am Golf Day at the Royal Automobile Club. Epsom, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Sir Richard Thornton). ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 21: The Prince of Wales this evening visited the Tate Gallery, London SWI, on the occasion of its Centenary.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Temenos Academy, later attended a Concert at Si James's Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE July 21: The Princess Margaret

Countess of Snowdon today visited Powis Castle and Garden, Welshpool, and was received by Captain Richard Lambert RN (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Powys). YORK HOUSE

July 21: The Duchess of Kent. Patron, United Kingdom Com-mittee for United Nations Children's Fund, this afternoon attended a Luncheon with the Commonwealth Scennary-Gen-eral (His Excellency Chief Emeka Anyaoku) at the Royal Over-Seas gue, Park Place, London SWI, and this evening attended a Parliamentary Reception at the House

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Master, will attend the quarterly court meeting at Trinity House, Tower Hill, at 11.00; and as President Emeritus, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, will give a dinner at Buckingham Palace at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor, London University, will open Phase Two of the Queen Mother Hospital for Animals at the Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hertfordshire at 10.30; and will visit the new facilities of the Police Scientific Development branch at Sandridge. St Albans at 12.45. Later, as Patron, she will take the te at the Royal Tournament. Earls Court at 7.15.

Princess Margaret, as President the Guide Association, will visit the "Happy Families" Camp train ing event at Foxlease. Lyndhurst, Hamoshire at 3.00; and as Master of the Bench, will attend a farewell dinner for Captain Malcolm Carver on his retirement as Under Treasurer at Lincoln's Inn at 7.10., The Duke of Kent, as President, the Imperial War Museum, will visit the American Air Museum in Britain, at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

Mr C.S. Gulbenkian

To mark the 42nd anniversary of the death of Mr Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian, a memorial service will be held at The Armenian Church of St Sarkis, Iverna Gar dens. London W8. on Sunday, July 27, at noon, after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy which will commence at 11.00am.

Dinner

Lord Congleton Lord Congleton, Chairman of the Wessex Medical Trust, entertained Southampton University School of Medicine and their guests at dinner last night at the House of Lords to mark the 25th anniversary of the school. Lord Plant of Highfield and Professor Charles orge. Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. Health and Biological Sciences, were the speakers.

Legal appointment

Judge David Pearl to be the dent of the Immigration Appeal tribunal, on the retirement of Mr G.W. Farmer, Judge Pearl will take up his post when his successor as Chief Immigration Adjudicator has been appointed.

Birthdays today

Mr Marcus Agius, banker, 51: Mr Peter Allen, former senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand, 59; Dr Sir eral Sir Charles Huxtable, 66; Mrs Peter Allen, former senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand, 59; Dr Sir Reginald Bennett, former MP, 86; Mr Willem Dafoe, actor, 42; Mr Jetmund Engeset, Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland, 59; Miss Julia Farron, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 75: Mr Bryan Forbes, film director and Mr Danny Glover, actor, 50: Lady Grimthorpe, Lady of the Bed-chamber to Queen Elizabeth the

Miss Bonnie Langford, actress, 33: Professor Sir Ronald Mason, FRS, chemist, 67.

Mr David Quarmby, chairman, British Tourist Authority, 56: Mr Terence Stamp, actor and director, 59: Mrs Alison Wilkocks, Head, Bedales School, 45; Mrs Diane Yeo, a former charity commis-



Jens Eriksen with his picture of a cattle egret showing its beautiful breeding plumage which won for him the Bird Photograph of the Year 1997 contest. This is the fifth success for Dr Eriksen and his wife Hanne in the competition which is organised by the magazine *British Birds* and sponsored by Canon. He came second in 1993 and 1995: his wife won in 1989 and 1990. Dr Eriksen is Associate Professor of Chemistry at Sultan Qaboos University. Oman, where he took his winning picture

Anniversaries

BIRTHS Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury. statesman. Wimborne St Giles, Dorset, 1621: Friedrich Bessel, astronomer. Minden, Germany, 1784: Gregor Mendel, pioneer of the study of heredity. Heizendorf, Austria. 1822; the Rev William Spooner. scholar and begetter of "spooner-isms". London, 1844; Frederick William Rolfe (self-styled Baron Corvol. writer, London, 1360: Selman Waksman, discoverer of streptomycin, Nobel laureate 1952. Priluka, Ukraine. 1888: Alexander Calder, sculptor, Philadelphia, 1898; Stephen Vincent Benet, poet, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. 1898;

Sobhuza II, King of Swaziland 1899-1982, Zombodze, 1899, DEATHS: Catherine Philips, poet, London, 1664; John Dalton, poet, Worces-ter, 1703; Marie François Bichat. physiologist, Paris, 1802; George Shaw, naturalist, London 1813: Giuseppe Piazzi. astronomer, Palermo, 1826; Wilson Barrett, actormanager, London, 1904; Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, Hollywood, 1932; Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada 1931-36

and biographer, Flat Rock, North Carolina, 1967. The Mormons reached the site of Salt Lake City, 1847. The first round-the-world solo flight (15,596m) was completed by

1926-30 and 1935-48. Kingsmere,

Wiley Post in 7 days 18hr 49min. 1933 Bread rationing started, 1946.

Memorial service

Mr Brian Wenham A service of celebration for the life of Mr Brian Wenham, media consultant and journalist, was held yesterday at St James's. Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Mr Humphrey Burton gave an introduction. Mr Ashley Hill, Ms Mary Hope and Mr Glynne Price gave readings. Mr Alasdair Milne paid tribute and Mr Bob Rowland gave an address.

Mr Bob Rowland gave an address. Among others present were: Mrs Wenham (widow). Ms Kate Wenham and Miss Lucy Wenham (daughters), Mrs Margery Woolley (mother-in-law). Mr Christopher Davies (brother-in-law). Mr and Mrs Michael Reid (brother-in-law and sister-in-law). Mr and Mrs David Wenham, Mr Paul Wenham, Mr Geoffrey Woolley. Mr and Mrs Richard Woolley. Mr Richard Rowson, Mr and Mrs Charles Phillips, Mr and Mrs Peter Oliver, Miss Topaz Amoore. Mr Philip Hilborne.

Phillip Hilborne.

Lady Jane Wellesley, Lady Elizabeth Anson, Lord Holme of Chellenham, Baroness Jay of Paddington, the Hon Sara Morrison (GEC), the Hon Peter Jay, Sir Michael Checkland. Sir Cutoric Kennedy, Lady (John) Maddox. Sir David and Lady Putinam, Sir John Drummond.

Sir Christopher Bland (Chair-Sir Christopher Bland (Chairman of the Governors of the BBC) with Mr and Mrs Alan Yentob. Mr Chris Graham (Secretary), Mr Will Wyatt (chief executive, Broadcast BBC). Mr Brian Barfield (managing editor. Radio 3), Mr James Mor (controller. Radio 2), Mr and Mrs Pat Chalmers, Mr David Hatch, Sir Roger and Lady Cary and past and present members of the corporation.

Mrs June de Moller (managing director, Carlion Communications), Mr Nigel Walmsley

(chairman, Carlton Television) with Mr Cilve Jones (chief executive), Mr Colin Stanbridge executivel, Mr Colin Stanbridge (managing director, Cariton Broadcasting), Mr Martin Bowley (managing director, Carlton UK Sales) and other members of the group.

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Mr Paul Bonner (Independent
Television), Ms Claire Price (Royal
Television), Ms Claire
Hibbert (TIV Network), Mr
Richard Talt and Mr Stewart
Purvis (ITN), Mr Tim Gardam
(Channel 5 Broadcasting), Mr
Alan Hart (Eurosport), Mr Ned
Seago and Mr Clive Broughton
(Old Vic Theatre), Mr Clive
Benson (Blue Heaven Productions), Mr Tim Bull (Saga Group)
and Mrs Bull, Ms Zannah
Chisholm (RC Sherriff Rosebriars
Trust), Mr Nicholas Wapshott (The
Times), Miss Gillian Reynolds (The
Daily Telegraph), Mr Chris
Dunkley (Financial Times) and
Mrs Dunkley, Mr Sheridan Morley
(The Spectator) and Ms Ruth Leon,
Mr Russell Twisk (British Reader's
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Mr Russell Twisk (British Reader's Digest).
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the Media. Portugal). Dr K G von Hase (European Institute for the Media, Germany).

Mr and Mrs Anthony Howard, Professor and Mrs John Ashworth. Miss Jenny Abramsky, Mr Keith Anderson. Mr Roger Mackay, Mr David Barkw, Mr R H Bates, Mr and Mrs P Batty, Mr Martin Bell, MP, Mr and Mrs Melyn Bragg, Mr Benny Brown, Ms Angela Douglas, Colonel Ian Buttows, Mrs Humphrey Button, Dr John Cain, Mr Christopher Capron, Mr

Nigel Ryan.
Mr Keith Samuel, Mr Robin
Scott, Ms Miriam Segal, Mr Alan
Schillmen Miss Monica Sims, Mr Shallcross, Miss Monica Sims, Mr and Mrs Aubrey Singer, Miss Ann Sloman, Mr and Mrs Roger Smith, Mr and Mrs I Spurling, Mr and Mrs I Spurling, Mr and Mrs I Storey, Mr Bruce Tinniswood, Mr John Tisdall, Mr John Tydeman, Mr Chris Wain, Mr and Mrs A Wallace, Mr Michael Wearing, Mr and Mrs B Widlake, Mr and Mrs I John Wilkinson, Mr and Mrs H Williams, Mr and Mrs P Whitehead and many other Iriends and former colleagues.

marriages

news Bishop of Southwark retires The Right Rev Roy Williamson Bishop of Southwark, is to retire on December 31. Appointments

The Rev Simon Bessant, Vicar. Blackburn The Redeemer (Blackburns to be also Acting Rural Dean of Blackburn The Rev Anthony Bradley, Lay

Church

SIMON SCHLUTER

Training Adviser (Coventry): to be Priest-in-Charge, Budbrooke (same diocese). The Rev Anthony Braddick-Southgate Assistant Curate, St. Laurence Catford (Southwark): to

be Vicar, St Anthony w St Silas. Numbead (same diocese). The Rev Graham Holloway, Rector, Babworth w Sutton-cum-Lound (Southwell): to be Associate Priest, Mansfield Woodhouse

The Rev John Howden, Warden, Pleshey Retreat House and Priestn-Charge, Holy Trinity, Pleshey (Chelmsford): to be also Non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford

Cathedral The Rev Stuart Lewis, Senior Chaplain and Precentor, Ports mouth Cathedral (Portsmouth): to he Team Vicar, Ross Team Min-The Rev Graham Marcer, Vicar Balby (Sheffield): to be also Rural Dean of West Doncaster (same

The Rev Julian Raffay, Assistant Chaplain, Derby City General Hospital (Derby): to be Team Vicar, Gleadless (Sheffield)

The Rev George Sammezey, Curate, Stratton: St. Margaret: w South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren (Bristol): to be Assistant Chaplain, Northampton General Hospital (Peterborough). The Rev William Stafford-Whittaker. Assistant Curate. The

Resurrection, Brighton (Chichester): to be Assistant Curate, St. Alban, Holborn (London). The Rev Richard Stainer, Curate, North Walsham w Antingham (Norwich): to be Rector, Cogenhoe

and Great Houghton and Little
Houghton w Brafield on the Green
(Peterborough).
The Rev Roger Stirrup, Team
Rector, Ross Team Ministry (Hereford); to be also Priest in Charge. Linton w Upton Bishop and Aston Ingham (same diocese). The Rev Robert White, Vicar, Brentwood St Thomas and Priest

in-Charge, Ingrave St Nicholas and Rural Dean of Brentwood (Chelmsford): to be also Non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral. Retirements and

resignations The Rev Nicholas Ball Priest-in Charge, St Peter, Hall Green (Birmingham) resigned June 2. The Rev John Brucklebank, NSM, St Margaret, Orford (Liverpool) to retire Scotember 27. The Rev Neville Foster, Vicar, St Peter, Tile Cross (Birmingham)

retired June 30. The Rev Brian Morris, Priest-in-Charge, Calbourne w Newtown w Shalfleet, Isle of Wight (Portsmonth) to retire August 31. The Rev Henry Ormerod, Team Rector, North Wingfield Team Ministry (Derby) to retire Septem-

The Rev Patricia Prestney, Chaplain, Benenden School (Canterbury) to resign July 31. The Rev Nicola Startin, Assistan Chaplain, Midkent Healthcan Trust (Canterbury) to resign July

The Rev Martin White, Vicar, St. Peter, Belper (Derby) to resign

Forthcoming à

Mr P.J. Grinnall and Miss E.J. Perry The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Alan and Sheila, and Emma, eldest daughter of David and Ann. Major J.A. Lydiard Wilson and Miss C.K. Brown

The engagement is announced between Major Jonathan Lydiard Wilson, the Blues and Royals, son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Lydiard. Wilson of Hollowell Manor, Northamptonshire, and Northamptonshire, and Christiane, daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel A.K. Brown MBE, and of Mrs M. Brown, of Foulsham House, Norfolk. Mr D.C.W. Reynolds

and Miss E.J.A. Letts The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Dr Graham Reynolds and the late Mrs Brenda Reynolds, of Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire, and Lizze, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Letts, of Chew Stoke, Bristol.

Marriages

Mr M.P. Burdon and Miss H.F. Don

The marriage took place on July 12. 1997, at St Mary the Virgin, North Elmham, between Mr Mark Burdon, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Burdon, of Harworth, Yorkshire, and Miss Henrietta Don, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Don, of North Elmham, Norfolk

The bride was attended by Miss Sarah Burdon, Louisa and Geordie Laing, Olivia and William Gibson Fleming. Mr Simon Sayer was best man.

Mr. G.W. Kenton and Miss.E.M. Earle The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Hippolytus, Ryme Intrinseca of Mr Geoffrey Kenton, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Kenton, to Miss Elizabeth Earle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Earle. The Dean of Windsor officiated. Mr William Craven

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played the organ.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Alice Geddes and David Arbuthnott. Mr James O'Hegarty was best man.

A reception was held in the garden at Frankham Farm.

Latest wills

Phyllis Eleanor Perrin, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate

valued at £3,102,907 net. Lois Mary Jaffray Andrew, of Trevone, Padstow, Cornwall, left estate valued at El.033,657 net. essate valued at 11,033,05 feet.
She left if 1,000 each to the Church of
St Merryn. Cornwall, St Saviour's
Church. Trevosé. Cornwall, RNLL.
Chlidren's Society, Imperial Cancer
Research Fund. Arthrifts Care. Help
the Aged, Save the Chlidren. Oxfam.
NSPCC. RSPCA. Chartered Society of
Physiotherapy and National Trust.

Ruth Ethel Kilian, of Great Baddow, Chelmisford, left estate valued at £975,825 net. Green Liegauer, of London NWIII. Green Estate valued at El. 377,041 net. She. left estate valued at El. 377,041 net. She. left estate beth Gooders Green Beth Hamedrash Congregation, sewish Blind Society. Blichur Chellm, Ravenswood Foundation, Kishacon, Jewish Welfare Board, Home for aged Jews. B'Mai Britis, Flist Women's Lodge of England - 5701 Brith Benevolent England - 5701 Brith Benevolent Fund: and Association of Jewish Refugees: £5.000 to the Hillel Foundation.

Lena Sadow, of London Willeft She 12,000 to Jewish Home for Aged; I i 1000 each to Jewish Blind Society, Jewish Home and Hospital, Jewish Deaf Association, Imperial Canter Research Flund. Heart Foundation Appeal and Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

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BIRTHS	١.

BAUER SCHLICHTEGROUL - 02 July 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Carl and Minzi, a daughter, Sophie, a sister for

CHALKLEY - On 13th July 1997, to Angela (née Montero Corvera) and Philip, a son, Theodore Alexander CMARALAMBOUS - On July 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Demetra and Andreas, a son, Marios Costantinos, a brother for Harry, Lisa, Lully and Steve.

CLARK - On July 18th to Hill (née Potter) and Peter, a daughter Rebecca Charlotte Mary. COOKE - On 17th July, to Liz (Thomas) and Peter, a daughter, Eliza Angharad Mary.

CONTAZZI - On July 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne (née Lassen) and William, n son, Carter

D'ALESSIO - On July 14th 1997, to Beverly (née Lynch) and Ginseppe, a beautiful daughter, Francesca Emma. DARLINGTON - On 16th July. to Gemma (nee Oldfield) and

Nigel, a daughter, Sophie DAYISON - On 16th July, to Vanezza (nee Lines) and Richard, a daughter, Elizabeth Alice, a sister for Edward, Harriet and Sarah. FANCY - On July 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Diana and Samir, a beautiful daughter, Amani.

FLYEN - On July 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Amy (nee Hazzola) and Tad, a son, James Davis Flynn. james Davis reym.

90771168 - On July 13th at the
Hospital of St John & St.
Elizabeth, to Julius and Julio

Chefran 1 a beautiful (née Shafran), a beautiful daughter, Angelica Lily Bella: Gratias Deo.

HINGS - On 18th July, to Tom daughter, Tara Victoria, a LAKIN - On July 16th 1997, to Debomh and Stophen, a son, Charles Henry James, a brother for James and Emily. LEA - On 27th June, to Piers and Annabel, u daughter, Jessica Elizabeth (Jessie), a sister for Hannah.

OSWALD - On 17th July, to Arabeila and William, a daughter. RED - On july 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Lucinda and Malcolm, a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Emily and Charles BIRTHS

RUSSELL-STONEHAM - On 19th July 1997, to Puz and Sally, a daughtez, Mizni, a slater for Barnaby, Oliver, Tolorid Barnaby, Oliver, SCAMON - On July 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Holdi (née Nichols) and John, a son, Andrew, a

SHELDS - On July 19th 1997, to Louise (nee Holloway) and Jeremy, a son, Edward John Arthur.

WALLIKER - On June 27th, to Emma and Adam, a daughter, Olivia Louise.

DEATHS

BLEVINS - Rosaleen Elliott (née Scott). Died peacefully in hospital on Saturday 19th July, Creatly loved wife, mother and grandmother. The funeral will take place at All Saints Church, West Lavington, at 2:30 pm on Friday 25th July followed by interment. Flowers welcome or if preferred dosations to Dorothy House Foundation may be sent clo Wincheombe Fourari Service, 37 New Park Street, Devines, tel: (01380) 722500.

BLOIS - Audrey Winifred formerly of Foxcote Grange Andoversford, Cheltenhum

DEATHS

TAHOURDIN - On 17th July, to Jean (née Palmer) and Anthony, a daughter, Bridger Grace Megan, a sister for William.

WINTER - On July 13th, to Jackle (née Escott) and Nicholas, a son, James Henry Robert, a brother for George

ZABADNE - On July 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Lora (née Matter) and Khalid, a son, Wissam.

SERSEY - John de M passed away 13th July 1997. The funeral will take place at 2.15 pm Monday 28th July 1997 at West Chapel, breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Flowers and any enquiries to W.S. Bond, 19 bond Street, Ealing, W.5 SAP or dozations if desired to Moorfields Eye Hospital or Moorfields Eye Hospital or Morrillan Norses.

Andoversford, Cheltenham, peacefully at Dalecare Nursing Home on 18th July 1997. Mother of Charles, Boddy and Gillian and grandmother of Camilla, Andrew, Susanna, Helen, Alexander, Nicola and Christopher, Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematoritan 3.30 pm Friday 25th July, Enquiries to Mason & Stokes, 54 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham (01242 224 877).

BRAMPTON - Heather. On 20th July 1997 in Nether Wallop. Adored mother of Peter and Nicki and much loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thunkspiring at 5t Andrew's Church, Nether Wallop, at midday on Friday 25th July.

BUCKS - The Venerable Michael William, former Director General Naval Chaplaincy Service and Chaplain of The Fleet, on july 20th in The Royal Haslar Hospital Funeral and Requiem Mass at S. Esthi's Church, Lee on Solent, 1100 hrs Friday July 25th Burial to take place on the Isle of Arran at 1130 hrs Wednesday July 30th There will be no Memodal Service. No 10 wers by request. Donations if desired to The Wessex Cancer Trust RT Appeal (Chemothempy Day Unit) or The Parish Centre, St Faith's Church, co Mark Mudie, Co-openative Funeral Directors, 147 Stoke Road, Gosport, PO12 18E. All enquiries (01705) 581032

CALLIE - (uée Baldwin).
Peacefully at Barday Court
Residential Home, Cardiff on
July 19th Lona Winifred
aged 89 years (formerly of
Eineton Rd., Grandpoint,
Oxford) beloved wife of the
late Alf. Resting at the
private funeral home of
James Pidgeon & Son, 539
Cowbridge Road East,
Victoria Park, Cardiff (where
floral tributes may be sent)
until the feneral on
Thursday July 24th service
at 9.10am in the chappi.
Afterwards to Thornbill
Crematorium.

CASSEE - Colin Stewart West died unexpectedly but peacefully on 17th July after showing great fortitude against ill bealth for some years. Dear husband and father. Flowers for Wednesday 23rd to Freeman Brothers, tel: (01402) 254590

CLARKE - Joy. On July 18th, peacefully at home. Much loved wife of the late Selvyn and wonderful mother to Felicity and Alexey, Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium at 10 am Friday July 25th. No flowers please. Any donations received will be forwarded to Wargaree District Nurses Fund.

Elizabeth Am (née Rediey).
On 20th July 1997 in Guennsey, Channel Islands.
Deanly loved wife of the late Cecil. All enquiries to Sectionis Fusens Services Limited. Telephone: 01481
44202.

GREENWOOD - On July 19th, peacefully in hospital, John Nelson of Geinford, aged 78, husband of Christina (née-Lingford), Iather of Saily and Peter, grandfather of Sarah, Anna and Johnmie Fenessi Service, Darlington Crematorium at 1.15 pm on Thursday Family Slowers

Thursday, Family flowers only, Donations if wished to Cancer Research of Seaton Leng & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, Bondgate, Darlington. "This above

HALLADAY - Eric, suddenly at home on Saturday 19th July, sped 67, dear husband of Margaret and father of Ciulre, Richard and Setharine, loving grandfather of Lucy, Charlotte and Harriet, Private cremation. Private cremation.
Thanksgiving Service at St
Andrew's, Corbridge, on
Wednesday 30th July at
Zpm.

MARMAM - Eric James Stanley, peacefully after a long illness, dear husband of Betty and loving father of Mark, Sarah and Judith. Funeral Service at Broakspear Crematorium, Broakspear Crematorium, Rudsilly, at 12 noom on Fidiay 25th July. Family flowers only but donations, if destred, to the Alzheimers Disease Society, C/o T A Ellement & Son Ltd., 21 Etidge Street, Finner.

HAY OF PARK - Lady Rossmary Evelyn "Anne", widow of the late Sir Arthur Hay of Park, Baronet and daughter of Vice Admiral Aubrey and Mrs Lumbert, died peacefully on July 19th, at Moozhouse Nursian Home, Hindhead Remembered with love by Michael, Loveday, John, Anna, Eva, and Jeannia-Funstal Service at All Saints Church, Crondall, on Thursday, July 24th at 3.30pm. No Howers please, but donations to The Eoyal National Lifeboat Institution c/o GM, Luff & Partners, 84 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 1jH.

SGGMS - Ana Miranda, aged 32. Died peacefully on 20th luly 1997 at the Princess Alice Heepice, Eshes, after a valiant fight against cauces. Beloved elder daughter of John and Muriel of Mar-Lodge, Stirling, adored sister of Imogen, wenderful sunt to Clementine Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on to Gementine. Feneral at Mortake Crematorium on Friday 25th July at 4 pm. followed by a party in accordance with Ana's wishes (details on the day). Denations to Oncology Fund (RCC) c'o Jean Stirling, Charing Cross Hospital, W6 SEF. HORNE - Cherry Jean Scott (nie Davidsom) peacefully at home with her family 19th July. Cramation private. Thanksgiving Service Friday 25th July 11.30 am St Amer's Church, Saslow. Donations

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MEWALL - Mary (née foster), aged 80, died pencefully on 16th July 1997 after a sudden short illness. Beloved wife of the late freedie Newall (RA revid). She will be greatly missed by her family hi and jo, David and Christopher and by all those who treasured her friendship. Cremation private. A Service to celebrate her life will be hald on Monday 28th July 1997 in the Chunch of St. Margaret, Underriver, near Sevenoaks at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only; donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

POTTER - On March 8th 1997 Florence of Cambridge, widow of Herbert Gordon Potter aged 86 years. Cremation has taken place at Cambridge.

ROGER - Alan Stwart, peacefully on 15th July, aged 88 years at Royal Bedsahire Hospital after a courageous six months wallst recovering from a stroke. Faneral Service at Goldens Green Commonthm (West Chapel), on Monday July 28th at 12 noon No flowers please, but donations, if desired, for Trinity Hospice. Enquiries and donations may be sent clo A 8 walker & Son Lut Funeral Directors, Eldon House 36 Eldon Eoad, Landing EG 4UL. Tel 0118 957 3650. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a date to be stranged later in the year.

Savade - Downty Mary died pracefully on 16th July sped 34 years. Widow of Kenneth, she was much lowed by her son Eichard, daughter-in-law Budgie and grandchildren Tom, finams and Sam. She will be sailty missed by her family and many friends. Her funeral service will be beld on Monday 28th July at 9.30 am at 8 Thomas More Church, 350 Lordahp Lane, Dulwich SE22 80th Family flowers only please, flowers only please donations to RMIR

SCOLEY - John Charles on Eriday 18th July 1997 at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Funeral Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich at 5.30 pm on Priday July 25th Enquhier to Murrell Cork, North Walsham, tel: (01692) 402059. STEDALL - On 15th july 1997, Nancy Stackill the beloved wife of the late Oilver. Funeral Service has taken place. Donations if desired for Katharize House Hospice t/o RM Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Eanbury OX16 EDG.

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THORPE — David died peacefully, after a courageous fight, on july 16th at 8t, George's, Noeting Femeral to take place at Our Lady of Lourdes, Resistance on Monday 28th july at 1pm. Flowers, or donations to The Reitish Heart Foundation clo GM Luff & Partners Ltd. 34 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Sorrey GUZ/ 1]H. WAITES Genty, WAITES - Gerry, died peacefully, July 20th, beloved husband of Sonja, father of July, brother of Susan, stepfather of Michael, much loved. Private

WHITE - John Foster, saddenly at home in Ealing W5 on 16th July 1997. Aged 75. Well known for many years in the publishing and literary world. Funeral on Monday 28th July at 5t Matthews Church, Ealing Common, 1.45 pm. No flowers, but donations to \$t Matthews, but donations to \$t Matthews, vis WS. Bond, 19 Bond Street, Ealing WS. Tab 0181 567 0422. WHETERREY - At his home on 17th July Thomas Henry Neville Whitehurst O.R. HECS, LRGP, aged 92. Loved and loving hunband of Betty and his daughter Ann. No flowers please. Cremation private,

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SIR GARFIELD BARWICK

Sir Garfield Barwick, AK, GCMG. barrister. politician and judge, died in Sydney on July 13 aged 94. He was born on June 22, 1903.

t was Sir Robert Menzies, who had himself progressed from legal eminence to become a towering figure in Australian politics, who declared in 1974, of the man he had named Commonwealth Attorney-General 16 years earlier: He was never any good in Parliament he didn't understand Parliament. He was disappointing politician. But he was a

good lawyer."
This might seem an ungenerous verdict, but it was as nothing compared to the vituperation heaped upon Garfield Barwick by the Australian Left for his involvement in the dismissal of the Whitlam Government in 1975. This earned him the description "the greatest legal hate-figure since Judge Jeffreys". The sacked Prime Minister Gough Whit-lam never spoke to Barwick again, regarding him as only marginally less culpable than the detested Sir John Kerr, who as Governor-General had actually done the deed.

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This, the greatest political sensation in Australian history to date, was sparked off by the call from the Leader of the Opposition Malcolm Fraser for Kerr to dismiss the Government because it could not get essential financial legislation through the Senate. Barwick, as Chief Justice, advised Kerr that such an unprecedented step was within the powers of the office. The fact that he also told Kerr that he should proceed with the action, rather than merely give his legal opinion, was held by Labour supporters to be an abuse of public office, and he was never forgiven. But in his 1995 memoir, A Radical Tory. Barwick insisted that he had been correct both in his advice and

If this was the most dramatic of Barwick's legal activities over a long career, it was only the last in a series of events in which he made headlines and became a public figure, despite his modest

and slightly improbable origins. Garfield Edward John Barwick exem-

plified the conformity of Non-conformity. He was a lower middle class boy brought up in the ethos of Methodist concern for careful standards and hard work which played so significant a part in the Australia of his day. The son of a jobbing printer, he grew up in the harbourside district of Double Bay, when it was a mix of market gardens, fishermen's shacks. sandy scrub, and a few mansions - a far cry from today's affluent Sydney suburb.

His mother was his inspiration, urging him to "make something of himself", as he went - often barefoot - to a local state school, and then to Fort Street High School. Barwick was to say half a century later that he always remembered the school motto, "Each man is the maker of his own fortune".

The industrious student won a scholarship to Sydney University, studying arts and then law, before being called to the New South Wales Bar in 1926. Short of stature and unimpressive of feature, he learnt to overlay his native toughness with a necessary veneer of social graces. But he could be ferocious in court, willingly taking on senior luminaries of his profession-with no thought as to their status. In an early case he demolished a leading KC, who returned to his chambers cursing "that bloody little thug". Barwick, like so many Australians, was

hit by the Depression, after standing guarantor for his brother Douglas, who opened a service station. The business failed and, after Barwick unsuccessfully sought time to pay money owed to Shell Oil, he was made bankrupt. He worked hard to restore his financial position but he did not forget. One contemporary suggested the decision probably cost Shell many thousands of pounds over the years - Gar Barwick was a bloody good

He practised extensively in all jurisdictions of the State Supreme Court, the Commonwealth High Court, and the Privy Council, being appointed a KC in 1941. He was to serve as president of the NSW Bar Association, 1950-52 and 1955-56, and a member of the Law Council of Australia, 1952-54.

During the war years, Barwick became



involved increasingly in litigation, challenging security and other regulations brought down by the Commonwealth Government, on the grounds that they fell outside its constitutional power. Repeated appearances before the High Court. involving critical study of the constitution, quickly brought him the reputation of a pre-eminent constitutional lawyer. He leapt to the front rank when the

ownership.

Chifley Labour Government of 1945-49 decided the economy could no longer be left to the mercies of private banks whose policies during the Depression had been bitterly resented. In 1947 he brought down a Bill to provide for the transfer of all Australian private banks to public

The banks challenged the action in the High Court, with Barwick, although a

relatively junior KC, leading for them to some effect. When the court found for the banks, the Government appealed to the Privy Council, its case argued in London by another well-known lawyer-politician, H. V. Evatt, later leader of the Labour Party. But in July 1949 the decision was upheld, and the setback to Chilley's policy had much to do with the Government's decisive defeat in the December election, bringing in the Menzies administration and 23 years of non-Labour rule.

Barwick's six-day address to the Privy Council was highly praised. Sir Walter Monckton, counsel for the English banks, went so far as to comment: "I have been appearing in the appeal courts for 25 years, and I have never heard anything to equal that". If he had wanted to have a career at the English Bar, he could certainly have done so.

Curiously, Barwick had first become known to his home public through a very different case involving Australia's Archibald Prize for art. In 1943 this prize for portraiture had been awarded to William Dobell for a painting of a fellow Australian artist, Joshua Smith, which showed a bizarrely emaciated character, quite unlike standard public life portraiture. Conservative Australia deplored the choice, and two artists went to law claiming the work was a caricature and therefore ineligible. The appeal was rejected, but all Australia followed the proceedings with glee, and Barwick for the appellants became instantly known for the vigour of his argument. The 1950s saw Barwick widely regarded as the leading counsel in Australia.

in 1958 at Menzies's urging, he stood for the NSW seat of Parramatta and entered the Federal Parliament, with many Liberal Party supporters believing he might in time succeed Menzies. But Barwick was not especially effective in the House of Representatives. The deals necessarily done behind the scenes did not suit his professional or personal inclinations. He was also uneasy at social gatherings, always obligatory for any politician.

Nevertheless, he soon became Attorney-General and in 1961 he was appointed

Minister for External Affairs, for a couple of years actually combining the two roles He led Australian delegations to the UN. but he faltered when Indonesia took over West Irian (West New Guinea), failing to make any proper protest against what was clearly an illegal move under international law.

He was on the whole relieved to quit politics in 1964 to become Chief Justice. Having been appointed before the introduction of a retiring age, he remained for a record term of 17 years, stepping down finally at the age of 78.

He was widely regarded as a conservative literalist who adhered strictly to the

letter of the law, rather than seeing it as a platform on which to develop civil liberties or reform. He also was widely criticised for his insistence that payment of tax was a legal issue, not a moral one, and for upholding the right to tax avoidance schemes, a decision blamed for sparking a spate of national tax-dodging. But he was given much credit for replacing confusing individual state divorce laws with a unified federal approach, and for laying the foundations for modern trade practice law. With a touch of irony, given his original leap to fame. Barwick was a prime mover in ending the role of the Privy Council in Australian law (the last Australian appeal was heard in

While he was demonised by many, and his self-esteeem verged on vanity, friends found him a good companion, with a drily whimsical sense of humour. Barwick found relaxation as gardener, fisherman and yachtsman. A member of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, he had the sloop Anitra V built in 1956, and sailed her in 12 Sydney-Hobart races, winning in 1957

and finishing second three times.

Virtually blind for his last ten years through diabetes, Barwick was patron of the Australian National Council for the Blind. He was Chancellor of Sydney's Macquarie University, 1967-78. He was knighted in 1953, appointed GCMG in 1965 and a Knight of the Order of Australia (AK) in 1981. He married Norma Symon in 1929; she and their son and daughter survive him.

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Her first career was as a personal assistant, working successively for Sir Edward Boyle, Sir Jock Logan and Professor Sir Norman Anderson, and for a time in the press

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Course she was made a deaconess in 1980 and ordained deacon in 1987, serving in parishes in the London and Southwark dioceses. From 1986 to 1989 she was Director of Archbishop Coggan's Training Service Centre, an appointment which recognised her skill as a motivator However, Shelagh Brown's

Following training on the Southwark Ordination

until she joined the staff of the Bible Reading Fellowship in 1991, and especially after her ordination to the priesthood in 1994. On the day of the final debate in General Synod on the ordination of women she made a melancholy note in her diary. She was convinced that the measure would fail to

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erful conversion experience. achieve the necessary vote, and she wrote that, should it do so, she would feel bound to leave the ministry of the Church of England.

It did not fail and she stayed, spending some of the most-creative years of her life as editor of the widely read BRF daily notes, and as the author of a number of perceptive devotional books. She also discovered and nurtured several new authors, and encouraged others to attempt books , in truth. neither the time nor the inclination. As the Bishop of Maidstone — one of her authors — recently observed. she did not know the meaning of the word "No". But from her determination came unexpected treasures, as busy people found time that they did not know they had to share experiences and insights that their editor had decided should become public property. Shelagh Brown was a

woman of tremendous energy and flair, full of ideas (some of them onite impractical) and with the determination to make things happen. In 1996 she launched an ambitious project to publish a popular. accessible commentary on every book of the Bible. The first five titles, by an international and ecumenical team of distinguished scholars, are a tribute to her professional skills. The remaining titles, over the next six years, will be a fitting

memorial to her vision. The sole child of parents who were themselves only children, she had no close family and did not marry. She was once, she recalled, rescued by her mother from a dangerous liaison in Rome. But she enjoyed a wide circle of friends, and her dinner parties were legendary. She died following a fall at home. as she hurried to open the door to dirner guests. She left no instructions as to the hymns or readings at her funeral but very precise directions as to what should be served at the reception to be held afterwards - Lanson Black Label champagne. •

OPENING of LONDON BRIDGE

by the KING.

Yesterday the London Bridge Committee assembled at the Guildhall, for the purpose of making arrangements for the 1st of August, the day on which His Majesty is to open the

The Royal tent is to be pitched at the London

side of the bridge, near to the place on which

Fishmongers'-hall stood, and will command

an unobstructed view of the whole line of road

to the Southwark side. The Royal table will be

laid for about 20 persons. On the left of it,

extending to one of the entrances from

Thames-street, will be laid two tables for the

noble persons who will accompany their Majesties. One of those tables will be laid for 68, the other for 76 individuals. A large space

will be left open at the right of the Royal tent, it

being the intention of their Majesties to disembark at the Grand-wharf, on the right of

the bridge, and the committee having ap-

pointed that the procession shall go forward

from that spot at the moment their Majestics land. A double row of tables will be ranged on

each side of the wide space through which the

procession is to pass, for the accommodation of the other visiters [sic], who are to be admitted to the number of 1.500. The awning which is to be placed over the long table will

new bridge . . .

ALAN CHARIG

Alan J. Charig, curator of fossil reptiles and hirds at the Natural History Museum, 1961-87. died on July 15 aged 70. He was born on July 1, 1927.

DINOSAURS have never been so popular with the public as they are today, and much of this is thanks to Alan Charig's efforts in the 1970s. He wrote and presented a 10part BBC series on vertebrate in 1974, which did much to kindle interest and to inspire many who now work in the field A New Look at the Dinosaurs (1979) was translated into several languages.

Charig was a research scientist in the department of palaeontology at the Natural History Museum, working principally on dinosaurs and their immediate Triassic ancestors, but also on topics as varied as limbless amphisbaenians ("worm-lizards") and a gastropod mollusc from Fiji.

Evolutionary theory and classification were strands through most of his work: he enjoyed vigorous and often heated debates opposing the gradual and now almost universal adoption of phylogenetic systematics and cladistic classification by vertebrae palaeontologists.

He was educated at Haberdashers' Aske's School in Hampstead and Emmanuel College, Cambridge. His undergraduate education was interrupted by National Service in the Royal Armoured Corps, first as a tank driver, then as a Russian interpreter

in Germany from 1946 to 1948. On graduating in zoology in 1951, he remained at Cambridge as a postgraduate student, and gained a PhD in 1956 on Triassic archosaurs from Tanganyika (now Tanzania). After a short spell as lecturer on the Gold Coast (now Ghana), he took up a post in invertebrate palaeontology at the Natural History Museum in 1957. There he remained, moving to a position suiting his interest in reptiles in 1961. He was pro-



moted to principal scientific officer in 1964.

He organised and led joint museum expeditions with other institutions to many parts of the world: to Zambia and Tanzania in 1963, to Lesotho in 1966-67 (when the oldest articulated fossil mammal skeletion was discovered in rocks of the early Jurassic age), and to Queensland in 1978 (turning up one of the geologically earliest herrings).

A British Council scheme

afforded him a privileged visit to China in 1979, which was the forerunner of a field expedition to Sichuan Province in 1982 in conjunction with the Institute of Vertebrate Palaeontology and Palaeoanthropology in Beijing. That trip was the most fascinating of his many foreign experi-ences; but in the following year a rather less exotic location - a brick-pit near Ockley. Surrey - provided the most exciting research project of his career: a unique fish-eating dinosaur, Baryonyx walkeri. from the early Cretaceous period.

Life at the museum suited Charig well. A gregarious and sociable man, he enjoyed meeting the public, especially children, and was an accomplished and entertaining lecturer with a gift for explaining

He made many original scholarly contributions to dinosaur science, including an hypothesis to explain the unusual pelvic structure in planteating dinosaurs which he referred to informally as "the femur knocking on the pubis problem". In the mid 1980s he found himself defending the museum's most famous fossil, the original specimen of the earliest known bird. Archaeoptena, the authenticity of which was challenged by Sir Fred Hoyle. Charig and other members of the staff were accused of concealing the alleged forgery, but he responded with a robust and thorough refutation.

Following his retirement in 1987, he continued to do research at the museum, taking up a two-month research fellowship awarded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, More recently his travels had taken him on an arduous tour of fossil sites throughout Argentina. At the time of his death he was in full flow, working on several longterm projects, notably the description of one of the earliest plant-eating dinosaurs, Scelidosaurus, from Dorset.

Alan Charig's wife, Marianne, died in 1987. He is survived by a daughter and

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thing that can contribute to render the spectacle delightful to the public will be done, at least so far as the committee may be able to satisfy the public curiosity ...
Their Majesties are to go on board the

Royal barge at Whitehall; and the procession on the Thames is to be as follows: First advances the Trinity-house barge; next the Vitualling-board barge, and then follow in order the Navy Board's barge, the Treasurer of the Navy's barge, the Board of Ordnance barge, the Commander in Chief of the army's barge, the Admiralty barge, the Lords of the

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The Royal Family's barge, the barge of the
Lords and others in attendance upon His Majesty.

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NEWS

IMF tells Brown to raise taxes

Gordon Brown is being warned that he may have to increase taxes on consumers, possibly by extending VAT, in the first international assessment of Labour's running of the economy.

An International Monetary Fund team, which has spent the past ten days talking to the Chancellor, the Treasury and the City also cast doubts on plans for a minimum wage, saying it would be a "blunt instrument".....

Swiss banks advertise over Nazi gold

■ The Swiss Bankers' Association will abandon its traditional secrecy and publish a three-page advertisement in The Times tomorrow, listing the names of all dormant accounts dating back to the Second World War. The initiative is an attempt to end the controversy over the banks' role in laundering Jewish gold stolen by Nazis.

Professor cleared

A philosophy professor cleared of indecently assaulting two students in his study said the case had brought home to colleagues how vulnerable they could be to unscrupulous people ... Pages 1, 3

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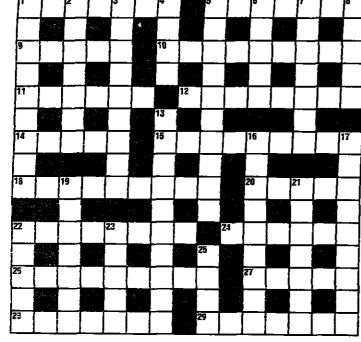
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☐ SW & NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: early mist clearing to leave a surry day with jist a small threat of isolated afternoon showers. Max 24C (75F) ☐ Outlook: warm, dry and sunmy in most places but central and eastern England will be clouder and cooler with showers

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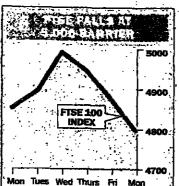
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TUESDAY JULY 22 1997

Britain risks 1998 recession, economists tell MPs



BY AJASDAJR MURRAY AND MICHAEL CLARK

THREE leading economists yesterday told the Commons Treasury Select Committee that Britain faces

a serious risk of recession next year. The comments came as the stock market suffered another sharp fall amid concern that the bull run may

The FTSE 100 index fell 71.5 points to close at 4,805.7, almost 200 points below the all-time high set in early trading on Friday. However,

in markets worldwide after a 130point fall on Friday, recovered from early losses to show a gain of about five points by lunchtime.

Gavyn Davies, chief economist for Goldman Sachs, told the Treasury Select Committee yesterday that it sterling stays strong and the Government sticks to its spending plans, the Bank is already "risking overkill". However, Mr Davies, who is an adviser to Gordon Brown and tipped as a future Governor of the Bank of England, said he remains marginally in favour of further interest rate rises because,

without the two conditions in place, interest rates almost certainly need to rise in the future". He added that the chances of making a major monetary policy error were greateer now than in 1987.

Martin Weale, director of the National Institute of Social and Economic Research, predicted that the Bank was in greater danger of undershooting the inflation target by I per cent than of overshooting it to the same degree. Mr Weale's views were supported by Bill Martin, co-director of economic research

for UBS, who argued that the

economy is poter, ially heading for a "hard landing" next year. However, Mr Martin told the

committee that monetary policy mistakes by the last Government and recent windfall pay-outs made a recession "inevitable and required". The market, closing before the

economists views were known, agreed. Banking shares were the biggest casualty as traders concluded that the recent bull run had left them overvalued.

Renewed worries about the impact of sterling on profits also hit shares in the pharmaceutical sector, another strong performer over the past few weeks.

The pound crawled back above DM3.00 as French budget plans heightened market fears of a broad single currency. Sterling closed up around 1.5 plennigs at DM3.0144. Its trade-weighted index rose 0.4 to close at 105.2.

Dealers said there are some signs that institutional investors have begun switching out of blue chip shares and into second liners to seck better value.

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NatWest to cut Markets capital by £lbn

BY PAUL DURMAN AND JASON NISSE

NATWEST GROUP is planning to reduce the capital allocated to Nat-West Markets by more than EI billion as part of its strategy to turn the ailing investment bank round.

The move will be the main result of the review of the business, to be announced with NatWest's half-year results on August 5, along with a commit-ment by Derek Wanless. NatWest's chief executive,

Mr Wanless became acting chief executive of NatWest Markets after the resignation of Martin Owen, who left last month on publication of the reportinto the £77 million options losses incurred earlier this year. NatWest is unlikely to be able to name a new chief executive for the investment bank on August 5.

The capital in NatWest Markets was £3.1 billion at the end of 1996, about 40. per cent of the total capital of the group. The target is to cut this to 25 per cent, or about £2 billion.

Since the publication of the report it has emerged that NatWest has been in unsuccessful merger talks with Abbey National and Prudential Corporation The breakdown of Nat-

West's merger talks with the Pru has increased pressure on Mr Wanless and Lord Alexander of Weedon. the bank group's chairman NatWest has still not

confirmed its recent merger talks, although apparently required to do so by the rules of the Stock Exchange and the Takeover Panel. The Panel requires an announcement to be made when a merger approach prompts rumour and speculation or an untoward movement in its share price. Speculation has forced NatWest's shares up by almost 150p.

The Panel is understood to be examining whether NatWest should clarify the situation. Michael Lever, analyst at HSBC James Capel, said: "It reflects poorly on NatWest's management when it's seen staggering from one party to another and being rejected." Commentary, page 27

Chief of United Utilities quits in boardroom rift

By Christine Buckley INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRIAN STAPLES has quit as chief executive of United Utilities amid talk of a bitter boardroom rift, a move that stunned the City and caused a sharp fall in the share

The company, which sup-plies water and electricity in the North West, said that Mr Staples had left after "a loss of confidence in him by the board". Shares in United Utilities fell 695 p. to 6995 p. Mr Staples, who has share

options worth £1.2 million, earned £300,000 a year. He gotiate severance terms. He was appointed from Tarmac to work alongside Sir Desmond Pitcher, who continues as evecutive chairman

Sources close to the company said that a series of problems had caused the board, led by non-executive directors, to lose confidence in Mr Staples. He is accused of not communicating problems to the board with sufficient speed and is likely to be blamed for the ill-fated Bangkok contract, which led to a provision of £83 million.

However, relations between senior executives are believed to have soured after Mr Staples demanded Sir Desmond quit his £310,000 a-year executive role to become a nonexecutive chairman Other executive directors who may have supported him are be lieved to have included Bob Ferguson, finance director, a close associate of Mr Staples.

Some executive directors did not-know of the quit decision until yesterday morning. The non-executive board, led by Sir Peter Middleton, chairman of BZW and deputy chairman of Barclays Bank, is said to have been unanimous in its loss of confidence decision over Mr Staples.

Pressure on Sir Desmond, who has been dubbed "king of the fat cats", to relinquish his



Sir Desmond Pitcher, left, with Brian Staples in happier times. The company's shares fell 69'2p on the news

executive duties surfaced after the annual meeting when institutions were said to be keen for him to step down.

Last year Sir Desmond was at the centre of a controversy over executive pay when the company introduced a longterm incentive scheme that delivers bonuses of up to 127 per cent of salary. Eric Clark, chairman of the remuneration committee and a non-execu-

tive director who backed Mr

Staples's departure, works alongside Sir Desmond at the Merseyside Development Corporation where he is also a

In 1994 Sir Desmond welcomed Mr Staples from Tarmac, where he was a divisional managing director. as chief executive of North West Water, which went on to buy Norweb, the electricity company, to become United Utilities, It has been known

non-executive director.

that the two have since had a difficult working relationship. Angela Whelan, analyst at Credit Lyonnais, said: "Mr Staples was respected for what he did. This is nothing to do with the strategy of the company but rather seems a personal matter." Nigel Hawkins, utilities analyst at Yamaichi, said: "This came as a big shock to the stock market

Mr Staples is replaced by Derek Green, who currently heads the utility division of United. The company said Mr Green would remain in place until the millennium, seeing the water and electricity businesses through two more regulatory price reviews and the introduction of competition into domestic electricity.

Taxman criticised over **'needless** failures'

By Fraser Nelson

THE tax authorities were yesterday attacked by both the insolvency profession and a leading MP for forcing thousands of self-employed workers into unnecessary bankruptcy.

Businesses that collapse owing money to the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise are nearly twice as likely to be made bankrunt as those whose future is decided by creditors in the private sector, a survey by the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency has found.

insolvency cases, suggests the Revenue is opposing Individual Voluntary Arrangements ([VAs] - where businesses keep trading in the hope of recovering more money to pay their debts. Ann Widdecombe, the former Conservative minister, has raised this issue in Parlia-

ment. She said: "This survey proves what I suspected, which is that, if you are tottering on the brink of bankruptcy, your fate will be decided by the Revenue or the Excise. "It makes no sense for the taxpayer - if you bankrupt

somebody with no assets, you get nothing. They may not have such a policy lopting for bankruptcy] but they darn well have such a practice." The Inland Revenue flatly

denied any preference for bankruptcy, saying that it officially considers the procedure a last resort.

A spokesman said: "We don't like bankruptcy because it is not very good for the individual concerned and it means that we don't get our tax. If there is a vaguest possibility of an alternative, we would go for it." According to the survey,

only 24 per cent of selfemployed people who became insolvent under taxation or Commentary, page 27 duty debts continued tr Pitcher power. page 29 under an IVA last year. duty debts continued trading

BUSINESS TODAY

US RATE

Tokyo close Yen 115.75

NORTH SEA OIL Brent 15-day (Oct) \$18.20 (\$18.15)

GOLD. London close..... \$326.75 (\$324.25)

Arnault quits Guinness in protest

BY DOMINIC WALSH

BERNARD ARNAULT, the chairman of LVMH-Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the French luxury goods group. resigned from the Guinness board yesterday in protest at the "negative and vitriolic" response to his proposed alternative to Guinness's planned £24 billion merger with Grand Metropolitan.

M Arnault, who has been a non-executive since 1989, said the move would allow him to focus on promoting his own proposal for a three-way merger of the drinks businesses of Guinness, GrandMet and LVMH, which envisages LVMH with a 35 per cent stake in the enlarged group. The two British companies last week dismissed his scheme as "a complicated and costly break-up" that would give him "back-door control". A spokesman for M Arnault

said last night: "He was asked to come up with a proposal and he did so, but it was rejected within an hour. It was an ISpage document and shareholders deserved better than to see it rejected so quickly."

Guinness will not issue a formal response until its board meeting tomorrow.

French companies flower in the garden of England

and we may only have seen

half the story so far."

BY OLIVER AUGUST

KENT is known as the garden of England, but yesterday's French corporate tax changes could turn it into the workhorse of France.

Prench companies are fleeing the high costs in their domestic market and locating at the other end of the

Channel Tunnel. The latest tax rise companies will come over here. could turn the trend into a stampede, according to the Ashford Chamber of Commerce.

Ron Stainton, the chamber's chief executive, said French businesses can make dramatic tax savings by coming to England. He said: "As the situation in France gets worse, more

Their critics say we are providing cheap labour but, of course, we are providing cheaper taxes."

SBE, a French mobile phone repair company, set up in Ashford in January but is already planning to triple the size of its premises.

Gregory Dumont, SBE's project manager, praised Britain's low company taxes: "The business climate is better here."

His company chose Kent as its English base because of its proximity to France. M Dumont said: "In an emergency, we can put a few boxes in the company car and go over. If we want to go to our French sites we just

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take the Eurostar." The train takes two hours from Ashford to Paris. Another advantage in England is the more flexible nature of employ-

ment law. M Dumont said: "If you have an overload you simply hire staff for a short period. In France you can't do that. It's also easier to lay them off - but we haven't had

any experience of that." The extra tax burden is part of French government effort to meet the budget criteria for Europe's single currency. Labour cut UK corporation tax from 33 to 31 per cent this month the lowest level in Western Europe.

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House prices 'will keep on rising'

By CARL MORTISHED

HOUSE prices will continue to rise until well into 1999, in spite of the recent increase in interest rates. predicts the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors today.

Ian Perry, RICS housing market spokesman, said: "Given the shortage of property for sale, we can expect prices to continue to rise over the next 18 months."

RICS members reported a slowdown in the housing market's recovery in June. but said the reduction in mortgage tax relief is not expected to curb demand from homebuyers.

The RICS Housing Market Survey found a reduction in the proportion of chartered surveyors reporting house price increases from 60 per cent in May to 56 per cent in June. The slowdown was most notable in areas where growth had been strongest: London, the South East and the South West.

Fears that the Government would sharply increase stamp duty caused a sharp rise in sales, up 12 per cent on the previous year. but uncertainty over the Budget caused a 25 per cent reduction in the number of properties for sale.

Mr Perry said the cut in Miras was less than had been feared, and the increase in stamp duty for houses at the top end of the market would affect only some 30.000 of the 1.4 million transactions expected in the next year. "Given the shortage of property for sale, we can expect prices to continue to rise over the next IS months," he said. ☐ The Royal Bank of Scotland and Bradford & Bingley Building Society followed other leading mortgage lenders by announcing increases in their home loan rates. The move comes after the decision this month of the monetary policy committee of the Bank of England to raise interest rates 0.25 per centage points to 6.75 per cent. Royal Bank's variable rate rises 0.25 of a point to 8.2 per cent, while Bradford & Bingley's is up 0.35 of a point to 7.7 per cent.



Sock value: John Morgan, chairman of Porvair, the chemical technology company, where the waterproof sock is

Yesterday's half-year results show profits up from £1.5 million to £2.1 million with earnings per share up from 4.1p to 5.4p. The among new products that will emerge in the second half of the trading year. interim dividend, due on September 26. was raised from 1.9p to 2.1p. The company

is expecting trading growth to continue at waterproof sock will add a new dimension to the success of Comfort Barrier Systems, and the group as a whole.

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structuring charge will be

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Combining the branch net-

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German banks agree two-stage merger deal

By OLIVER AUGUST

retail bank is to be created by a complex merger agreement. valued at DM40 billion (E13 billion), between Hypo-Bank and Vereinsbank, the fourth and fifth-largest players in the highly fragmented German market.

Under a two-stage plan. Vereinsbank will offer next week to swap six Hypo-Bank shares up to a total of 45 per cent of Hypo-Bank's share capital for one share in

COX INSURANCE, the

Lloyd's group, is looking to

almost double its in-house

underwriting capacity this

year by spending up to £22

It aims to acquire £100

million of insurance capacity

from names on the three

million in buying back capaci-

ty from individual names.

syndicates it manages.

GERMANY'S second-largest Allianz Europe's biggest insurance group. Simultaneously, this allows the merged group to dispose of Vereinsbank's 8.5 per cent non-core shareholding in Allianz without tax charges.

The swap represents a premium of 28 per cent over Hypo-Bank's closing price on Friday. Shares rose by 60 per cent over the last year as, merger speculation mounted. In a second stage, the full merger of the two banks will

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

shares in return — 13p for the

right to subscribe £1 of capaci-

ty for the 1998 underwriting

year of account for syndicate

218, 15p for syndicate 1485 and

The latter is highly profit-

able, specialises in nuclear

risks and was the best performer in 1993, with a 56 per

40p for syndicate 1176.

Cox is offering either cash or

be prepared from October. banking union to avoid diswith plans presented to shareholders for approval in spring 1998. The bank will have combined assets of DM743 million (£250 million), second only to Deutsche Bank.

The major benefit will be cost-cutting. Together the two banks have 40,000 employees. Some insiders suggested that about 7,000 jobs would go but the number could be higher. It is helieved that a deal has been struck with the powerful

total underwriting capacity.

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ISp per £1 in a similar offer.

The deal is expected to be earnings enhancing in the first Cox seeks insurance buyback Both banks emphasised that they had the backing of the Bavarian state government to create a strong financial counterpoint to Frankfurt by remaining in Munich, their cent return on capacity. If the home base. Neither bank

expected regulatory objections. offer is fully taken up the Germany is regarded as company would directly control about 45 per cent of its heavily overbanked, with more than 3,600 commercial. ublic and co-operative banks. crease on last year, when the battling for market share. group paid between 4p and Nevertheless, the deal was put together by an American bank, JP Morgan, which advised both sides.

Boeing's income falls as **EU** veto looms

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN SEATTLE

\$14 billion merger with Mc Donnell Douglas is likely to be vetoed by the European Commission tomorrow, has reported a fall in second-quarter net income to \$399 million (£238 million) from \$468 million.

The world's largest com-mercial aircraft manufacturer said that comparable results for 1996 benefited from one-off gains of \$176 million. Even so, the latest results fell short of Wall Street expectations, and Boeing shares eased in early trading.

Quarterly sales rose 48 per cent to \$9.29 billion, from \$6.28 billion, as the company lifted commercial aircraft production and expanded its

space and missiles business. Phil Condit, chairman, said that the rapid increase in production resulted in "a substantial increase in employment. material and fabrication demand at the company and its suppliers". High overtime lev-els and parts shortages caused a "near-term decline in productivity", he added.

Boeing expects to deliver 340 to 350 commercial jetliners this year, up from a previous projection of 340. Last year Boeing delivered just 218 jets as the company reached the end of a long industry downturn.

Boeing expects revenues of \$34 billion this year, excluding sales at McDonnell Douglas, which it plans to acquire in a deal scheduled to close next week, in spite of an expected vote by European regulators.

The European Commission is expected to block the merger tomorrow, arguing that it will stifle competition in the aerospace industry. Europe also argues that the defence activities of McDonnell Douglas attract huge subsidies from the US Government.

The Commission's determination to block the merger has triggered sharp criticism on the other side of the Atlantic, and President Clinton has said the US may go to the World Trade Organisation or impose sanctions if it happens.

The Commission maintains that the merged company would have a 70 per cent share of worldwide sales of commercial planes, against Boeing's present 64 per cent, and a customer base of 84 per cent. against Boeing's 60 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ladbroke signs \$85m Colorado deal

LADBROKE, the leisure and hotels group, is to buy the Colorado Gaming and Entertainment Company, the Denverbased gaming company for a total of \$85 million (£50 million). Ladbroke is paying \$6.25 for each Colorado Gaming share valuing the company at \$35 million and is assuming around \$50 million of net debt. The proposed transaction is subject to conditions, including completion of definitive documentation and due diligence, and regulatory approvals.

It is anticipated that completion will take place in the fourth quarter of this year, or the first quarter of 1998. Colorado Garning develops, owns and operates gaming and related entertainment facilities, and is the largest casino management company in Colorado. In the year to December 31, it made earnings before interest, depreciation and taxation of

Allied Domecq expands

ALLIED DOMECQ, the drinks group, has bought Togo's, a 200-strong franchised sandwich store chain in California. Allied said the price is not material to its net assets, adding that the value of net assets to be acquired is about £5 million. Togo's will be managed in conjunction with Dunkin Donuts and Baskin-Robbins, Allied Domecy Retailing's leading foodservice brands. Mike Cobler, founder and formerly owner of Togo's, will work with ADR on Togo's expansion.

Adam & Harvey ahead

ADAM & HARVEY, the steel stockholding specialist that trades mainly in Africa and the Far East, reported year-end profits of £5.17 million (£4.55 million) after sharply increasing its exposure to the UK. The improvement was achieved in spite of an 8 per cent slide in sales to £46.8 million in the year to March 31. Overall, carnings were 67.4p (53.6p) a share. A final foreign income dividend of 14.75p, payable on September 5, lifts the total to 27p (24.5p).

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VISUAL ACTION HOLDINGS, the lighting and sound equipment rental group, has doubled its presence in Chicago with the \$21.5 million (£12.9 million) acquisition of Hospitality Resources. By stretching takeover talks over 15 months, it secured a £1.4 million reduction in the original asking price as sterling rose by 10 per cent against the dollar. Hospitality Resources, which services 63 hotels in Illinois, last year made a \$2.6 million profit on sales of \$26.8 million.

Warning by Crest

CREST PACKAGING vesterday reported an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, but said that it would be hurt by the strong pound. It said: "The pressures created by the intensely competitive market exacerbated by the current level of sterling against European currencies are considerable." Pre-tax profits rose to £3.8 million (£3.2 million) in the year to April 30. Earnings per share were 8.3p (6.2p). A final dividend of 2.75p, due on September 15. leaves the total unchanged at 4.125p.

NFC sells cold store

NFC, the transport company, has sold its remaining cold store activities to TDG, a subsidiary of the Transport Development Group, for £11 million cash. NFC, which sold its cold store in Leeds to Nordale Foods for £2.5 million on May 30, said: The sale of these cold store activities reflects NFC's strategy of focusing upon international logistics and moving services." The company's shares yesterday tell ip from 13/p to 136

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US call for further **Energy bid details**

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE 23.65 BILLION takeover of The Energy Group by Pacificoro, the American utility, hit a potential obstacle yesterday when competition authorities in the US demanded more information about the coal interests involved in the deal.

The Federal Trade Commission wanted further details of the tie-up that will bring Peabody Coal, the world's biggest oxal busi-ness, under the control of Pacificorp along with the Eastern Group, the domestic electricity and gas business.

Mines owned by Pacificorp produce 22 million tons of coal a year for its power stations. Peabody produces 160 million tons of each. A spokesman for The Energy Group said that the two

provide the information re-

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adequate and appropriate

funding for the capital invest-

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guested and no hitches were expected to the takeover. which is still awaiting approval from the UK Government. He said that the Federal Trade Commission had asked for the extra information at the

end of the 30-day period it had to investigate the takeover. If the commission has concerns over Pacificorp's potential power it could order divestment of some mines. But the spokesman said that cur-

rent talks were too preliminary for such a move. Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, is scheduled to announce by August 5 whether she will refer the bid by Pacificorp to the Moropolies and Mergers

Commission. The takeover was not op-posed by Stephen Littlechild. the regulator for the electricity

BAe lands \$620m order for RJ-85 jets

BRITISH AEROSPACE has landed an order for regional aircraft worth \$620 million (£400 million) from Northwest Airlines of America. The order will safeguard 4.000 acrospace industry jobs in Britain.

The 70-seat RJ-85 is being built by Aero International, a BAe joint venture with Aerospatiale of France and Alenia of Italy.

A BAc spokesman said: "While each partner has a one third stake, the bulk of the work will be done in Britain. Hence, the bulk of the \$620 million will come to Britain." The main assembly plant

for the RJ-85 is in Woodford. Greater Manchester, where 1.500 engineers and technicians will work exclusively on the jet aircraft used for short-

Patrick Gavin, chief execu-

Only time will tell if this

tive of Aero International. said: "This latest order reaffirms the RJ family as the large regional jet of choice among the world's most successful airlines."

Northwest ordered 24 planes after previously ordering 12. Michael Levine, a Northwest executive vicepresident, said: "The introduction of the RJ-85 allows expansion in markets where demand exceeds the capabilities of turboprops, and the entrance into new

markets." Deliveries of the aircraft will begin in May 1998 and will continue for several years at a rate of approximately one per month.

The order by Northwest is one of the biggest for regional aircraft in recent years. A total of 136 RJ-85s has been sold by Aero International.

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INVESTORS IN PROPERTY AND SECURITIES PROFIT UP INCREASED DIVIDEND

Extracts from the results and from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. A. R. Perry.

Revenue profit before tax rose from

£15.5 million to £16.0 million.

Net property income up from £22.4 million to £23.2 million.

New property investments acquired.

 Development programme continuing. ■ Group property investments up from-

£310 million to £337 million.

All interest written off against revenue. ■ Net asset value rose to £1.82 per share.

■ Total dividend increased from 6.0p

Results for the year ended 31 March 1997. £000's . 1997

investment property rents **25,353** 24,983 Net property income 23,230 27,399 Revenue profit before tax 16,018 Shareholders' funds 217,565 - 210,131 Ordinary dividend per share 6.5p 6.00

Copies of the full statement may be obtained from G. H. Caines, Managing Director, PSIT plc, Fetcham Park House, Lower Road, Fetcham, Surrey, KT22 9HD.

Ministers urged to free air traffic services from the Treasury CAA backs compromise plan By HARVEY ELLIOIT THE Civil Aviation Authority is recommending a compromise scheme for funding air traffic control in an attempt to break the stalemate over plans for privatisation. Under the new plans put to the Government by the CAA last week, National Air Traffic Services (NATS) would become a "regulated utility" with private investors owning a fraction over 50 per cent of the company and the Government Field: investment fears - through the CAA - retaining just under half the equit. In its annual report pub-Writing in the annual relished today the CAA says:

port. Sir Mateoim Field, chairmun said: "We think the best way for NATS to secure its

investment plans is for them to

be placed outside the current

public sector funding system.

means privatisation or some other arrangement." Sir Malcolm set up an urgent review of the options once the new Government had been elected. They ranged from outright privatisation.

with investors owning 100 per cent of the company, to the Government continuing to keep air traffic services as part of the state-owned enterprise. But in a long and detailed report to ministers the CAA says they must be allowed to operate free of Treasury interference which, they claim, is

holding back investment in vital improvements. Nearly all capital expenditure now has to be part of the PSBR. The last Covernment planned to privatise all NATS and so raise more than £500 million. But the scheme ran

into union objections and parliamentary timetable problems that led to its abandonment. The new Government wants to get the matter settled by the end of the year. NATS has already been

turned into a wholly owned subsidiary company of the CAA and will today reveal a profit of £13.7 million. It is required by the existing legislation to break even on airspace services and to achieve an 8 per cent return in real terms on other activities.

With steeply rising numbers of passengers and aircraft, however, this has enabled NATS to reduce its charges and pay off loans quicker than expected. But this in turn has reduced its ability to fund investments in new radars, improved communications and air traffic control units.

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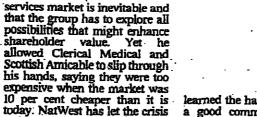
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atWest Group takes only two weeks to make £77 million of profit. So the losses that came from mispricing options at NatWest Markets are hardly a disaster. Why then is this incident threatening the independent future of one of the UK's pre-eminent financial institutions - an institution that leads the market for small business lending, is second in personal lending and last year made a mouth-watering 17 per cent return on capital? The answer: because Lord Alexander of Weedon and Derek Wanless are

letting it happen.
The chairman and chief executive of NatWest are keen to keep their strategy for the group and its troubled investment bank under wraps until the interim results announcement on August 5. But unfortunately life is not like this. If they were running a small engineering company and they were in merger talks with a rival, one would expect the classic statement: "Bloggs In-dustries is in talks which may lead to an offer for the company." So how come NatWest can hold merger talks, first with Abbey National and then Prudential Corporation, without shareholders being informed? This might be a question for the Stock Exchange, the Takeover Panel and NatWest's advisers, which happen to be NatWest Markets and Cazenove & Co.

Mr Wanless believes that the consolidation of the financial Time to open a new account



needs to address this quickly. So what will it do on August 5. Well, it will not announce a new boss for NatWest Markets. It will not announce a new strategy for NatWest Markets. And it will not announce that it is selling NatWest Markets. It will say, NatWest Markets in its various forms has never delivered a decent return on capital and we don't know how to make more money. So we are going to reduce the capital in the business by £1 billion and move the bits that we understand, like corporate lend-

ing back into the main bank. This strategy is not without merit. The few commercial banks that own investment banks tend to give them too much capital, which is tantamount to giving someone enough rope to hang themselves with. But the likes of Citibank have



learned the hard way that being a good commercial bank and at NatWest Markets to turn it having a good treasury operation from a predator to a target. It does not make you a good

investment bank. NatWest should stop messing around with NatWest Markets and sell out. This would free up not £1 billion but £3 billion of capital, which could be put towards buying itself a life company or a building society. It is time for NatWest to play to its strengths, not its weaknesses.

A life of Brian

at Nationwide f the board of the Nationwide

Building Society needed in-spiration in its fight against the "members for conversion" campaign, it could do worse than turn to Cicero's proverb "Thrift is a great revenue". It certainly sums up Nationwide's argument more clearly than Brian Davis

utive's line that maintaining mutuality means that the society can offer better savings and mortgage rates than the banks is not convincing many savers and

Applying simple mathematics to the equation shows that Nationwide might offer an extra 0.25 per cent to savers and charge mortgage. But a saver with, say, £10,000 in the Nationwide would have to wait more than 40 years for it to be worth giving up a £1,000 windfall. In the long term, it is better to remain mutual. But as John Maynard Keynes said, in a phrase which could be used by the pro-conversion lobby: "In the long term we're all dead."

Accordingly the Nationwide is preparing itself for an embarrassing defeat, bringing forward the announcement of the bad news to tomorrow so that it can have an extra day to explain what it is going to do. Unless a lightning flash of inspiration hits Swindon, the strategic vision Nationwide will put forward is likely to make Lord Alexander look like Alexander the Great. Mr Davis is in a terrible bind.

He had pinned his flag to the mast of mutuality, and has argued his case strongly behind closed doors, persuading a board that includes three current or former merchant bankers that the City does not know what it is talking about. The City, for its part, is hardly going to swallow Mr Davis having a Pauline conversion on the road to flotation. He is not the man to take Nationwide Bank to the stock market and he knows it.

So what happens to Nation-wide? It cannot be floated without a new chief executive. And what do you do about the rest of the board? Do you have a Maoist denouncement of Mr Davis, with directors saying: "I always wanted to convert. I was merely led astray by Brian?" Do you allow anti-flotation executives to lead a float? Or do you have a wholesale clear out?

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Or do you merely put a big "for sale" sign on the society. Goldman Sachs has told the Nationwide board it is worth E7 billion. Given the Woolwich is valued at nearly £5 billion this is not excessive price to pay for the Nationwide. The NatWest should buy it.

Sir Desmond gets careless

rudely, the sacking of Brian Staples, chief exec-utive of United Utilities, has so far cost shareholders £370 million, thanks to the group's tumbling share price. Investors, oblivious to the annoyance Mr Staples was causing his boardroom colleagues and their shortage of up-to-date information. thought he did a good job on the utility side. Despite assurances, some now fear UU's Bangkok write-offs might not be the last

among overseas ventures. The presence of Mr Staples, who is 52, also gave the group a seemingly smooth management succession. Derek Green, UU's nuts and bolts utility boss, was on the verge of retirement Sir

Desmond Pitcher, the patriarchal executive chairman to whom Mr Staples reported, is already 62. But Mr Staples has had to make way for older men, both accuracy arising 2000. both now to retire in 2000.

Sir Desmond recruited Mr Staples to rethink strategy. The previous sacked chief executive was not getting on with the water regulator, let alone all his finance directors. This time, no change of

strategy is planned. For shareholders, the crucial element is the board's pledge to raise dividends by II per cent a year in real terms until 2000. The company insists that this pledge holds, though it looks harder to

meet than a year ago.
Credibility is another matter.
If it was non-executive directors, led by the formidable Sir Peter Middleton, who reckoned Mr Staples was not keeping them up to date, what was the executive chairman doing?

In the pits

IT IS hard to feel sorry for Bernie Ecclestone. But the overpaid head of Formula One has become a victim of City in-fighting. with a fistful of bankers and bunch of team owners jockeying for position. The longer this goes on, the lower the headline value of Formula One drops and the further away the flotation recedes. Now it seems that by trying to crystallise the value of Formula One, Ecclestone is in danger of destroying it.

Sketchley passes dividend as loss deepens to £4.3m

By Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent

SKETCHLEY, the dry cleaning and business services group, yesterday reported a £4.3 million pre-tax loss resulting from an accounting hole of more than £10 million uncovered earlier this year. David Davies, chairman,

said the loss was "disappointing in the extreme". The group will not pay a final dividend. John Jackson, chief executive, is planning a series of meetings with institutional investors in the next two days. He said that he has come under to pressure to quit, but the company is believed to be considering changes to its four non-executive directors, all of whom - including Mr Davies - sit on the audit committee.

Richard Mevers, the finance. director, left the company after the accounting errors were discovered. He received a payoff of about £60,000. Sketchley had been expected

to make a profit of £8.2 million in the year to March 31. A year earlier it lost £3.49 million. Yesterday the company

gave details of a £5.1 million exceptional charge, mainly to cover a shortfall in rent on property that has been sublet to third parties. There is also an adjustment of £4.8 million for the retail division to cover overstated stock valuations. understated property costs and the write-off of unsupported debtors and deferred costs.

Pushing the company fur-ther into the red were sums of £500,000 for reorganisation and start-up costs in the textile services division and £1.3 million for professional fees and

Mr Jackson defended his own role in the affair. "It is not my job to check the bookkeeping of the finance director." he said.

After a similar occurrence at the company in 1990, Mr Meyers left the board. He returned to the board in 1994, a few months before Mr Jackson joined the company. The company is searching

for a new finance director, and also intends to appoint a

separate finance director of the retail division. The retail divison, consist-

ing of of Sketchleys dry cleaners and SupaSnaps photographic shops, made an oper-ating loss, after breaking even The business services divi-

sion, consisting of ARM, the maintenance services provider bought earlier this year for services business, made an operating profit of £6.8 million, compared with £6.9 million, after costs of £500,000 for new plant openings.

Group debt rose to £40 million, giving gearing of 139 per cent. As a result, the group, which paid a final dividend last year of 24p, is paying nothing this time round. Mr Jackson said that investment this year has been cut from £8 million to £6 million as part of a plan to The shares fell 12p to 60p.

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£29 million, and a textiles John Jackson, who has come under pressure to resign as Sketchley's chief executive, is to meet institutional investors

AT&T struggle weakens BT line

continued to slide yesterday as AT&T, the US telephone group, provided more evidence that local markets in the US are hard to break into. Like MCI Communications,

the American long-distance carrier with which BT plans to merge, AT&T has incurred heavy costs in building up its

SHARES in British Telecom local business. The problems cut more than \$500 million from AT&T's second-quarter earnings, leaving first-half net income down from \$2.85 billion to \$2.1 billion. AT&T last week parted company with John Walter, brought in last

year to become chief executive. Since MCI stunned the market this month by warning

that \$1.6 billion (£950 million) of losses will be incurred on local business over the next two years. BT's shares have fallen from 47712p to 41512p. dropping a further 14½p yesterday. This means BT has lost £4 billion of stock market value in less than two weeks. Yesterday was also the first opportunity BT's shares had

to react to a US court ruling on Friday that means it will be more difficult for MCI to win local business. A federal appeals court in St Louis ruled that the Federal Communications Commission lacked the power to set the reference prices for local telephone calls. dashing hopes of greater competition.

Signet sees strong

in sales BY OUR RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

advance

SIGNET, the jewellery group, reported strong growth in sales at its Ernest Jones chain of shops and in the US, but cautioned that a further rise in UK interest rates could yet lead to a slowdown in the domestic market

The company's capital restructuring, agreed by shareholders last month, came into effect yesterday. The ordinary lOp shares and four classes of preference shares have been converted into new ordinary shares of 0.5p each. All arrears of preference share dividends are now cancelled.

James McAdam, chairman, said that in the 23 weeks to like sales had risen 7.2 per cent. while H Samuel had seen sales rise 1.4 per cent. In the US, sales increased 9 per cent. He said the company must focus on further improving its operating performance.

John Gillum, 69, is to step down as deputy chairman and non-executive director. David Supino, 63, of Lazard Freres, the merchant bank, has been appointed a nonexecutive director with immediate effect.

BA canvasses City for morale-booster

By Jon Ashworth to improve relations with cab-

BRITISH AIRWAYS has been canvassing support among City analysts and institutions in the wake of last week's damaging industrial dispute.

Derek Stevens, BA's chief financial officer, has contacted BA's main investors, including Mercury Asset Management, in an attempt to deflect criticism aimed at Bob Ayling. the BA chief executive. There have been reports of growing unease among investors in the face of "macho management" tactics, including filming of picket lines and the threat to sue or sack strikers.

Mr Stevens said City institutions were "fully supportive". but conceded that morale within BA was at a low ebb. Various strategies are planned

in crew, but details have yet to be disclosed. BA said it was "actively considering" how best to improve morale, while preserving the savings achieved under Mr Ayling's business efficiency programme. BA says it needs to find annual cost savings of £1 billion if it

hopes to remain competitive.

The announcement of a possible link-up with Iberia, the Spanish national carrier, has been greeted with suspicion by BA staff, who view the move as a diversionary tactic. BA said yesterday it was keen to pursue discussions with the Transport and General Workers Union in the hope of preventing further disruption.

Courtaulds close to deal over patent

COURTAULDS is in advanced talks with Lenzing, the Austrian fibres manufacturer, aimed at resolving a protracted patent dispute over the development of Tencel, its wonder fibre (Martin Barrow writes).

The UK chemicals company disclosed yesterday that significant progress had been made in negotiations and an out-of-court settlement is in prospect. Any agreement is likely to involve a crosslicensing deal that would probably enable each company to continue to use its own lyocell technology.

Lyocell is a man-made fibre that Courtaulds produces under the Tencel brand name. Courtaulds shares fell 7p to 30712p yesterday.

Lotteryking chiefs waive pay for year

TWO senior executives at Lotteryking Holdings, which makes gaming-related prod-ucts, have agreed to work for nothing for the next year, after unveiling a steep decline in

Alan Stack, the chairman, and his brother Barry, director of new products. have waived remuneration of ESS,000 each in the 12 months to July 1998.

Lotteryking, which is quoted on the Alternative Investment Market (AlM), made a pre-tax profit of £4,000 (£265,000) in the year to end-April, on turnover up 21 per cent to £1.7 million. There is no dividend (nil). The shares were

unchanged at 1.5p yesterday.

lems when the Gaming Board questioned the legality of a game that it had launched in public houses and shops. The game was withdrawn in spite of "considerable" investment in resources and management time. The company is seeking to recover some of the

investment The number of gaming machine installations fell below target during the year. As a result, the company's core product, Play and Win, distributed in private members' clubs, contributed less profit than had been expected.

Lotteryking is studying developments concerning Keno. a bingo-style game, which is set to rival the National Lotteryking ran into prob-

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Speculators keep up their watch on financial's

CITY speculators are continuing to keep a close eye on the financial sector, convinced that the finishing touches are being applied to a big corpo-

Top of the list yesterday was Commercial Union, which rose llp to 6945 p. in a falling market, ahead of new business figures today for the first six months. It is on record as saying that it would be better to cut costs rather than grow new business. This has led to suggestions that a link-up with the financial services arm BAT Industries. 32p lighter at 51712 p, might still be on the cards.

The two sides broke off talks last year. But market-watchers say BAT may demerge its financial arm. including Eagle Star. Farmers in the US and Allied Dunbar, as a prelude to a merger with CU, which is currently trading well below its 750p peak for the year. There has also been talk of an all-out bid for CU from ABN Antro, the Dutch bank.

NatWest Bank touched 845p before putting in a late spurt to end the day just 7p easier at 859½ p. Talks with the Prudential Corporation, down 25p at 56lp, broke down last week, but speculation is mounting that they could be on again soon. Merger talks between Abbey National. down 2112p at 84112p, and NatWest broke down earlier this year.

The fallout from Friday's futures-related sell-off on both sides of the Atlantic continued in London yesterday although prices closed above their worst. The FTSE 100 index. down more than 80 points at one stage, closed 71.5 off at 4.805.7 after an uncertain start to trading in New York where investors are anxiously awaiting testimony to Congress on the economy from Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

There were furtive signs that investors have begun switching into second-liners in the belief that leading shares are starting to look overvalued. This was borne out by the 20.0 down at 4.464.1.

A program trade believed to have been carried out by Merrill Lynch last week switched out of the top 100 and into the 250 constituents. Total turnover of 1.3 billion shares was swollen by heavy trading in **Thorn** as the price firmed 12 p to 165p. SBC Warburg, the

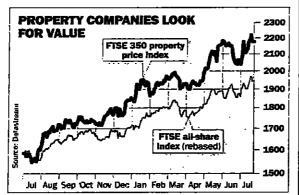


Securicor fell 2½p to 257p ahead of a visit by analysts

broker, has been buying back the new "B" shares at 304 p. They were issued as part of the group's capital reorganisation to enhance shareholder value. A total of 344.8 million shares. or almost 80 per cent, were

sold back to the company. BT remained weak, falling 142p to 4152p as the City continued to express concern about the price being paid for MCI. Securicor fell 212p to

257n ahead of a visit by analysts on Friday to obtain a greater understanding of the group". Among the leaders exdividends contributed to the gloomy sentiment, with both Dixons, down 12p at 545p. and Grand Metropolitan. 34p at 606p. GrandMet continues to ponder the proposals from Bernard Arnault, of LVMH, who wants to merge their drinks businesses with



BRITISH LAND fell 125p to 61112p after going ex dividend, and Land Securities eased 2½p to 925p after Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, removed the shares from its "buy" list and out them on "hold".

"It's nothing sinister", says Selwyn Jones, at sector leaders and we have been buyers for the past 18

"They are the best managed companies in the property sector. Their premium rating has gone far enough for the time being. especially since the Budget. and we have merely put them back on hold." Mr Jones admits that in

spite of talk of a revival in the property sector, it is difficult to find value. He said: "If I had to look elsewhere. I would proba-

bly choose Burford. The shares have been significantly der since the Trocadero acquisition." He maintains that the downside in the shares

Burford rose 4p to 11612p yesterday after announcing the sale of a 38.500 sq ft retail investment to Scottish Mutual for EIO million.

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fall of 69½p at 699½p. Brian Staples, chief executive walked out after a vote of no confidence by the rest of the board. Current trading wa below expectation. Tele-Cine Group rallied 5p to 352p in the wake of las

week's profits warning, but there was no such luck for Neepsend. down 7p at 3lp after becoming the latest company to warn about the effects of a strong pound on profits. Johnson Matthey retreated

45 p to 575p in spite of encouraging comments from Charterhouse Tilney, the broker. It says a new growth phase is under way. Precious metals remains sound and catalytic systems is recovering while Cookson Manhey ceramics will improve next year. But keep an eye on the electronic materials side, which is set to become the

recommendation from Killik & Co. the broker, lifted Robert Walters 20p to 24lp. The employment services group specialises in finding jobs for people in the financial services market. Paul Kavanagh, of Killik, says that the group should be benefiting from the heavy corporate activity and restructuring in the sector at pesent.

GILT-EDGED: Prices

biggest contributor to profits.

drifted lower for much of the day, with investors keeping an anxious eye on events in Washington before Mr Greenspan's testimony. Dealers reported minimal buying pressure ahead of Wednes-day's 2 billion auction.

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THE Lloyd's insurance mar-

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LONDON investors will welcome a second serious mining stock on the equity lists. Billiton has worked long and hard to get its listing but the company is still essentially a South African business. The bulk of the assets, including the Hillside aluminium smelter and Richards Bay Minerals, are based in South Africa, a bias that offers Billiton investors cost advantages but also a large exposure to the South African economy.

Selling metals priced in dollars while paying overheads in a depreciating South African rand, Billiton should be experiencing margin gains. That gives the company a temporary boost as does the aluminium price which affects about 40 per cent of the business. Aluminium's strong recovery has been the making of Billiton; Gencor bought the business from Shell two years ago when

the price was \$1,200 per tonne compared with yesterday's cash price of \$1,585. And the outlook is positive; aluminium for delivery in 15 months is \$1,640 per tonne.

Yet there are unanswered questions about Billiton. It is in a remarkable hurry; investors are being provided with only audited nine month profits to March. Why not wait for fullyear figures? Likewise, the curious need for it to become liquid as its business approaches a cyclical peak. Billiton is cutting its gearing to nil and raising £1 billion with the aim of ploughing some of that money into highly sought-after Latin American privatisations. Billiton's management has shown some financial and political skill getting this far. but the shares are to be sold on a high rating. similar to Rio Tinto. Investors might question whether they have earned it yet.

its Sketchley and SupaSnaps

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Sketchley

SKETCHLEYS shareholders have found their invest-ment full of holes after treatment by the dry clean-ing firm. If they were customers, they might expect compensation and an explanation but Sketchley is proving inadequate on both fronts after discovering a

The chairman spoke of accounting errors and deficiencies and gave a break-down of how much money was involved and where the problems occurred. These include overvaluation of stocks, undervaluation of property costs and deferred costs. An exceptional charge, mainly relating to subletting shops at a loss, is also reported.

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SIGNET is now past a joke. It has become a serious company and could soon attract the real attentions of investors, both small and large. The restructuring under its belt, Signet has removed the distraction of the claims of the preference shareholders and can eventually pay a dividend. But the more interesting question is that it offers investors the chance to look at a company whose underlying business is growing nicely.

After the conversion of prefs into equity, Signet be-comes a retailer of some size. valued at about £500 million with operating income last of sales. Profits soared thanks to the costcutting in the US jewellery chain and refurbishment of Ernest Jones in the UK. The improvement is coming through in the top line as well, shown with yesterday's sales figures — organic

growth of 9 per cent in the US itable) but because the playand 7 per cent at Ernest Jones. Only H Samuel is the ers are becoming much more laggard, but a £20 million Lloyd's corporate capital

store refurbishment provehicles will pay the first divigramme should bring it up to dend on their underwriting scratch in due course. profits this year and many of Signet is being broughtthe Lloyd's vehicles are now back to life in time to catch seeking more control of the the high street recovery and the fall in the gold price market. Cox, which runs a number of Lloyd's syndicates which normally has the effect and invests its own funds in the market wants to buy out of stimulating jewellery consumption. But the risk for the individual names. Signet is that it will be Syndicate capacity has been traded in auctions alsnapped up by another cashrich retailer, such as Argos or

ready but no one has yet put up quite the price Cox is offering Syndicate 1176 members. Last June the nuclear risks syndicate was priced at about 180 in the pound but members are now being offered 40n and could ask

The high price relates to the high anticipated returns. 1176 scored a return of 56 per cent in 1993 but Cox's bid could put a tinder box under this market and spur other Lloyd's vehicles into action.

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French miss brings Gallic flair to economic sleight of hand

Deficit will exceed Maastricht rules but will be in line with projections for Germany, says

Alasdair Murray

Gallic shrug with which European markets greeted the French Government's budget audit yesterday. Most European stock markets fell, but traders eyes were fixed on a nervous Wall Street. On the foreign exchanges, potential EMU curren-cies drifted only slightly as traders concentrated on the far more exciting prospect of their summer

The Budget audit merely confirmed what most economists already knew — that the French Government would miss the magic 3 per cent Budget deficit by a wide margin this year. The markets concluded that little surrounding the EMU project had really changed and a broad single currency remains tentatively on course.

But the dynamics of the single currency have subtly altered since the French Socialists swept into power in May on a tide of public discontent borne of austerity measures introduced to help France to meet the Maastricht criteria.

The new Government had adopted a Eurosceptical tone in opposition and made it clear that it regarded employment and economic reflation as far more important than meeting the Maastricht budget deficit criteria. Some respected observers predicted that the whole project could unwind as the Socialist spendaholics headed towards a collision with the fiscal puritans in Germany.

The Budget audit was expected to be part of this process, designed to allow the French Government to stick up /two fingers to Germany and admit it had no hope of meeting the Maastricht criteria and, worse, it did not particularly care. In the event, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister, has managed to assemble a package that establishes the European credibility of the new Government by making a genuine, and entirely legitimate, attempt to rein in the deficit this year. More importantly, M Strauss-Kahn has framed this in a way that will largely appease the conflicting desires of the Government's Communist coalition partners and the volatile French public.

The audit forecasts that without further fiscal tightening the French Budget deficit will fall in the range of 3.5 per cent to 3.7 per cent, well above the 3 per cent Maastricht target. The French Government aims to knock Fr32 billion (£3.2 billion) - equivalent to 0.4 per cent of the total deficit — off this amount through a corporate tax increase

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and spending cuts.

The audit, therefore, makes a tacit admission that France cannot meet the Maastricht criteria. But by refusing to tie the French Government to any specific forecast, in favour of targeting a general deficit level that most economists regard as fiscally sensible, M Strauss-Kahn has taken some of the heat out the deficit arguments. It will ensure the French budget deficit is in line with the projections for the German deficit, allowing France to join EMU "in the same condition as its European partners", as M Strauss-

Kahn explained yesterday. Even the main victim. France's



corporate sector, could only man-age a strangled squeal of distress yesterday. M Strauss-Kahn has

French emloyers federation, reluctantly agreed that the tax rises could be justified if they ensured that France qualified for the "essential objective" of a single currency and if the rises are later reversed.

Analysts predicted the impact of the tax would be to knock about 3 per cent off the Paris stock market. Shares with a high exposure to the French market, such as Accor, the hotel company, and BNP, the bank, are expected to be hit

ut corporate profitability has been running at an alltime high over the past year and the French Government's decision not to reverse recent income tax cuts should ensure the recovery picks up steam. The CAC-40 index yesterday recov-

ered from an early 1.5 per cent slide to finish down just 2.57 points at 2,874.12 as traders concluded that most of the pain was already discounted in the market.

But not everyone is entirely convinced by M Strauss-Kahn's sleight of hand. Gwyn Hacche, European economist at James Capel, predicts the deficit could still overshoot the revised totals this year. There is a also a question mark over whether the improvement can be sustained, despite M Struass-Kahn's commitment to reach a 3 per cent deficit in 1998. The measures revealed yesterday are supposed to unwind by 1999 and economists are not convinced that further progress can be made without significant personal tax rises or a sudden conversion to a

rick Mange, European economist at Deutsche Bank, said: "They've shown their determination to move towards monetary union and the decision to raise corporate taxes will not constrain the economy, but they cannot keep using these cosmetic measures to cut the deficit. They must undertake funda-

mental reforms." And while France has cleverly freed itself from the shackles of the 3 per cent target, Helmut Kohl and his Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, remain tied to a figure that few believe Germany can meet this year. The danger persists that Herr Kohl's CSU coalition partners will use the criteria to torpedo the single currency project. But for the moment, a touch of Gallic flair has earned EMU a period of relative tranquillity.

ed to prove, from a statistical analysis of insurance claims, that women made the best drivers. Now along comes the claim that they are better credit risks as well, and the had luck. chaps, is that this one seems to be

properly researched. The Society of Practitioners of Insolvency says women are not only five times less likely than men to go bust, they are also more likely to agree debt repayment rather than pull the whole temple down by going into bankruptcy. Women also owe 14 per cent less on average to creditors. although whether this reflects of the smaller size of their businesses I can-

not say. The bad news for some of us is that married, middle-aged men are the most likely to go bust.

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Pitcher power under scrutiny after departure of top executive

Martin Waller on question marks in the City over the viability of United Utilities

were at Warrington, Cheshire, at the United Utilities headquarters for a briefing a few months back. Sir Desmond Pitcher, the chairman, was late. As the minutes passed, analysts noticed the staff present becoming increasingly agi-tated. At last the door opened. A ripple went round and several employees stood up. It was the tea lady.

Sir Desmond's appea ance, a couple of minutes later, was no less dramatic. Not a large man physically, he tends to dominate meetings, particularly those on going to United Utilities notices it," one present at that meeting said. "Unlike any other utility I have been to, there's an aura there surrounding the chairman. And he doesn't like people

who argue with him. Brian Staples is not the first chief executive to quit after a conflict with Sir Desmond. In 1993, just six months after he arrived as chairman of North West Water, Bob Thian, chief executive of this predecessor company. left suddenly. This was seen at the time as a classic power clash. Thian, as chief executive, expected to run the company; Sir took the same view.

Sir Desmond, 62, was reported to be under pressure himself last year, in the wake of a row over "fat cat" salaries and bonuses, to become a non-executive chairman, a course of action insiders say he is noticeably unsuited for. Unnamed "directors" were quoted as being keen that he should accept non-exective status in time for this summer's annual meeting on Friday.

United Utilities was created in 1995 out of the takeover privatised regional electricity companies in England and Wales, by North West Water. This created the first "multi-utility", putting two essentials under one corporate roof and providing cost savings from combining bills and other services.

There have been costsavings at United Utilities but the savings have come from job losses. Worse, the company admitted that they would pay for the cost of the merger and fund higher dividends for shareholders,

in real terms by II per cent a year. Any benefits to customers, at least before the next would be entirely voluntary.

Such customer benefits duly emerged, with a rebate of £10 a household at a cer of E40 million in the last financial year. But they came too late to head off huge unpopularity, arising from a combination of mass sackings and apparent mond acquired the name King of the Fat Cats" Labour, while still in opposition, staged a demonstration outside the Mayfair offices.

especially overseas, since the merger has not been noticeably successful. The company disclosed a £83 million write-off against the cost of building a sewage system for Bangkok, a loss said yesterday to have contributed to Mr Staples's departure. There have been fears in the market that a similar job in Manīla may go sour. Closer to home, the company had to admit defeat in the tough electrical retailing market, selling Norweb's retail operation to Comet.

Torse, the City is **∧**/ wondering whether the original concept of putting water and fundamentally flawed, and not justified by cost savings. Alternatively, some analysts suspect other utilities, such as ScottishPower, which owns Manweb and Southern Water, may be making a hetter fist of the job.

The jury is still out, to a certain extent." said one analyst. "Their results didn't look as good in my view as Scottish Power's. With United Utilities, there were lots of one-offs in their accounts. and question marks over whether they have delivered. In terms of actually delivering enhancement of earnings per share, it is still unproven - and I'm not sure problems overseas are over, either."

profile executive like Mr Staples, whatever the reasons, will be a further blow to Sir Desmond. On hearing the news, the analyst com-mented: "I had thought that, having lost Thian, he couldn't afford to lose a second one."

The loss of another high-

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are exempt.

EXECUTIVE sackings, 1990s style: if you lose a chief executive, there is nothing like a bit of character blackening to unnerve the departed one just as he or she is about to bring the heavy legal guns to bear. There were some real lulus whizzing around after news that Brian Staples was handing in his executive washroom keys at United Utilities. He had always been seen as the grey man to chairman Sir Desmond Pitcher's raving megalomaniae, but not if half the stories are true. Some, if repeated, would certainly ensure his compensation package is swiftly swollen by a large libel-settlement.

But Staples does stand guilty of one shocking crime. His entry in Who's



Who, 1996 edition, contains at least one error. The much-married 52year-old claims two former wives. This has been disputed before. But he also claims to have been chief executive of Tarmac from 1991-94. Alas, that honour belongs to another; he ran the contracting division. Such mistakes are easy to make when you have such a huge multi-utility to run.

decided to impose a surcharge of 15

per cent on corporate taxation this

year and in 1998, falling to 10 per

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corporate tax rates to 41.6 per cent

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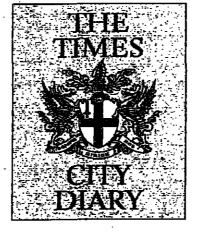
are likely to benefit most from a

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• THAT bitter industrial dispute seems to have caused some cynicism at British Airways. Some staff are unimpressed by the news that the company wants an alliance with Iberia. the Spanish carrier. This arrived, out of a clear blue sky, just a couple of days after BA appointed a fresh set of spin-doctors. Some are wondering if the two events are related.

Life's a beach

VISITORS to the Broadgate Circle the week after next can enjoy the creation of the country's biggest ever sand sculpture." Citibank is sponsoring Mark Anderson to create a reproduction of five of the world's most famous buildings, out of sand shipped from Weymouth beach and plain water. No glue, and no cheating, we are promised. The work will take all week, and passers by during that time are offered the chance to take part in competitions to make sandcastles.



Sand and water are hardly the most durable of materials, and Anderson will not be on a 24-hour watch there. What if, horrific thought, a few market traders, half a dozen Pimms the worse for wear, spill out of Corney & Barrow and — well, some temptations are hard to resist. Citibank's spokeswoman sounds horrified. The thought has clearly never occurred to her. They have security guards there, don't they?"

Casting a Paul

WHO is Paul Zimmerman? This is the burning question at Michael Page, embroiled in a deeply embarrassing row with Douglas Llambias Associates (DLA), a rival headhunter. Unless someone finds the elusive Zimmerman, the next action will be in the courts.

The dispute, flagged in this column last week, involved Zimmerman no one of that name actually works at Page - passing himself off as an em-ployee of WPP, the advertising group, and asking DLA to supply some names, so ensuring his rival did his work for him.

less interventionist approach. Pat-

In the gentlemanly world of British headhunting, this sort of behaviour is akin to arriving drunk at a Royal garden party and kicking one of the corgis. Douglas Llambias wants blood. The best Michael Page has been able to offer is that the hapless Zimmerman will receive "a right bollocking" — once they work out who he is. This will not be enough for Llambias, who is likely to issue a writ for fraudulent misrepresentation.

♦ HOARE GOVETT, the broker to Body Shop International, hosted an event for analysts the other day, allowing them to try out the company's Direct products. These are for home shopping parties — Ann Summers for the ecologically sound, even if I cannot see Anita Roddick approving the comparison. Chosen for the full makeover was Nick Hawkins, of Merrill Lynch, and he looked none too pleased about it. Hawkins's beard allowed him to talk his way out of one of two of the lines avail-. able, but his feet got the full treatment - pumice, peppermint oil, the

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Checklist | Higher standards pledged, as one winner reflects on Business Links success sets tone for good holiday

BY RODNEY HOBSON

AS THE holiday season approaches, Barclays Bank has discovered what small business owners already suspect: few owner-managers get a

Only two out of five get more than two weeks off a year. The situation is worst for those who have recently set up m business: a quarter will get no holiday this year.

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Most entrepreneurs admit to being under excessive stress but Barclays has produced a checklist to ensure that harassed business owners can plan for a boliday without letting the business suffer.

□ Plan ahead: Tie up loose ends before you go and make sure that important orders are satisfied or handed over to a

responsible person.

Staffing: Make provision for cover while you are away. especially during peak trading times. If this means taking on temporary employees, allow time to brief them thoroughly. Cashflow: Budget ahead for holiday periods so you have adequate resources to pay for temporary employees. While you are away, leave your accounts in the hands of sumeone you can trust. Advise the bank who they should liaise with in your absence. Customer, relations: Let customers know the holiday dates you are planning and give them the name of a

while you are away.

Contact details: Let a reliable employee know how to get in touch with you but ask to be contacted only in an emergency. There is no point in taking a hobday if you are

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Shake-up time for one-stop shops

BARBARA ROCHE, the Small Business Ministe conducting a review of Business Links, the one-stop shops for advice and help for small and medium enterprises.

She will be making an announcement in the autumn of how she sees the system set up by Richard Page, her predecessor, developing into the next century.

Mrs Roche says: "The Business Links are in place and in some parts of the country they are doing very well indeed. In other areas they are not as strong. We need to make sure that they are all brought up to the standard of the best.

"I have to decide what they are going to look like in five years' time. We keep telling small businesses not to stand still and we have to ensure the same applies to Business Links.

Mrs Roche has spoken to all the main small business organisations and intends to consult them again before making her pronouncement on Business Links. She accepts that many small enterprises are either unaware of, or ignore, Business Links. Mrs Roche today launches

the third "Making the Difference" awards sponsored by Shell, the oil giant, and the Department of Trade and Industry. Small businesses have until December to demonstrate that they have grown their business, or developed new products or services by working with a Business Links adviser.

Regional winners selected in February will go into the national judging the following month. Prize money totals £60,000, with £15,000 going to the overall winner. She says: "More of our

firms need practical help in key areas such as sourcing finance, marketing and ex-

ideas into world-beating products and services. Recognising the hard work and contribution of small businesses is an essential part of creating an enterprise culture in Britain. It is very important that the winners act as champions and role models for others."

While it is not necessary to export in order to win an award, Mrs Roche is keen to encourage small businesses to make their contribution to Britain's balance of payments. She cited the case of a Yorkshire delegation to Brazil organised by a local chamber

of commerce last month. Mrs

Roche, who was on an official

visit, met the party on the She says: There is a great demand in Brazil for British products. One of the small companies I met had been able to double turnover because of the orders it won

☐ Mrs Roche will publish her eagerly awaited Green Paper on late payments by the end of



Will Dracup explains his product to Chris Fay, Shell UK managing director, and Barbara Roche, Small Business Minister

Award brings more than prize for NLD

By RODNEY HOBSON

PUBLICITY rather than pounds is the main benefit of the Business Links "Making the Difference" awards from the Department of Trade and Industry and Shell.
As Will Dracup, one of the

original winners when the awards started two years ago, explains: "You get a lot of credibility if you are able to tell people you have won an award. In our industry there is a lot of competition from companies here and in America. When having a tough time, it is a

usiness so much." "Our industry" for Mr

Dracup means life sciences, a sector where even large companies have seen their shares soar and plummet on the stock exchange as they lurch between miracle breakthrough and disappointment.

Mr Dracup is managing director of NonLinear Dynamics (NLD), which makes computer software for measuring protein and DNA samples. He puts a complex technology into layman's terms: Anyone interested in the building blocks of life, how lar or chemical level, can study images of cells taken by various methods from videos to high-density scanners."

The technology can help scientists researching diseases by comparing samples with and without the disease. While many of NLD's customers are in research and medical colleges, the company is selling increasingly to large pharmaceutical groups such as Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham.

Mr Dracup says: "If you are working on a new drug you can look at the patterns of the protein in the cell. You can

producing the same proteins with or without the substance."
His product means that cos-

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metics can be tested for safety without being rubbed into the eyes of live rabbits. Other uses include food safety checks. Getting started on his own was hard going. Mr Dracup

was already working in life sciences as a software engineer with a company in the North East. He says: "All companies in

this field were using very big computers to do their process ing. My big jump was to persuade the people I was with but they didn't want to know so I did it myself."

From being a one-man band, NLD, based at Newcastle upon Tyne, has expanded over eight years to employ nearly 20 people.

Mr Dracup says: "Getting the first customers was the hardest

part. We had no track record and no one knew whether we would be around the next year to look after them." Business has snowballed

since the firm won its Making the Difference award. Turnover was £600,000 last year and will

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New bond

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Poster plan

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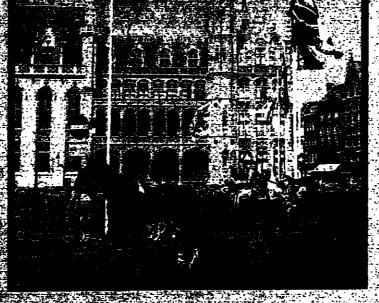
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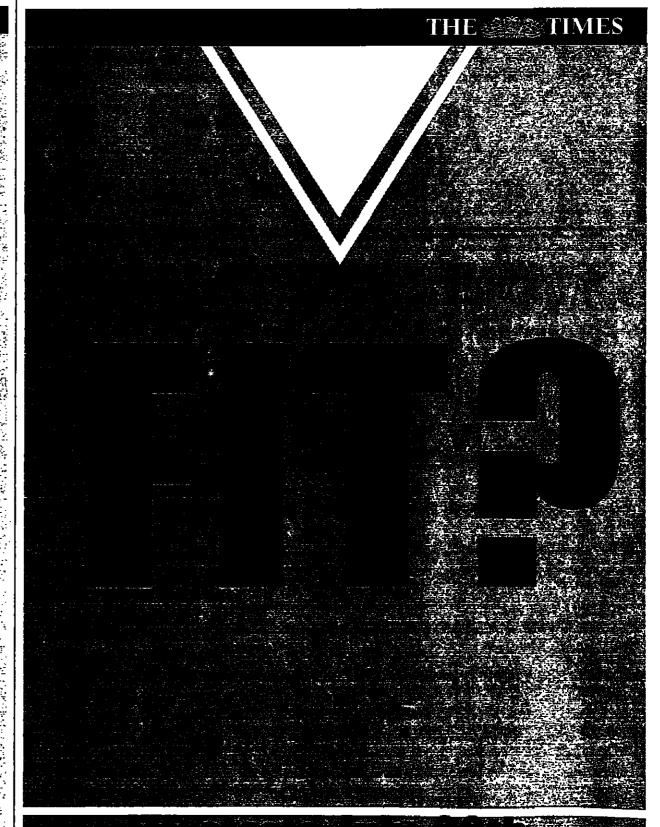
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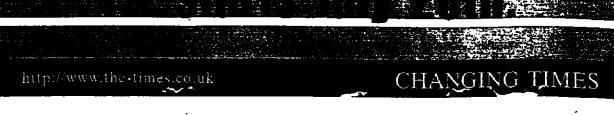
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Soap justice won't wash



Roger Ede of the Law Society is a legal adviser to The Archers. But here he takes the Radio 4 serial to task for being unfairly dismissive of the criminal iustice system. Should soap operas be taken seriously or are they, after all, just stories?





At the heart of a national controversy: Pemberton (played by Peter Wingfield), Mrs Hebden (Judy Bennett) and Ms Aldridge (Tamsin Greig)

Do you popular newspaper claims that the police are powerless, prosecutors are ineffectual, iuries are naive and sentencers are too soft? If so, you will not have been surprised when the Borchester magistrates recently let Simon Pemberton off with a conditional discharge and a £200 compensation order for beating up Debbie Aldridge, his girlfriend. Millions of Radio 4 listeners

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shared Ms Aldridge's disgust at how the criminal justice listeners, already shocked by Pemberton's earlier assault on Shula Hebden (née Archer). had agonised with Ms Aldridge about whether she should complain to the police to stop him behaving like this towards other women — de-spire the public humiliation that she would suffer at the hands of The Borchester Echo when the court proceedings were inevitably publicised.

Though Mrs Hebden eventually went to the police, no action was taken over her

complaint about Pemberton. I had advised a different and from the programme for

Pemberton. In my version, he was also charged with coromon assault on Mrs Hebden, so destroying any mitigation that his assault on Ms Aldridge was out of character. The clang of prison gates, for a few days at least, was my recommendation for his comeuppance. There is no doubt that it was in the public interest that he was seen to have been dealt with firmly by

the Borchester magistrates.

will take a serious view of the victim's suffering. "Not in a million years," was a magistrate colleague's response to Pemberion's sentence on the

Real-life issues help to attract audiences and bring a programme welcome publici-ty. Makers of television and radio "soaps", such as The Archers, go to great lengths to ensure that their characters and plots are plausible. Their Otherwise, women who are audiences can be led to believe

'My view of reality is that the victims of domestic assaults are no longer ignored'

assaulted by their husbands and boyfriends may be led to believe that it is simply not worth the trouble of reporting. and may fail to come forward. My view of reality is that the victims of domestic assaults are no longer ignored. They are encouraged to report crimes and police domestic violence units can be relied on to give them support. The CPS will prosecute if it is provided

that events in real life could take a similar turn, and modify their behaviour accordingly. The programme's makers must be responsible in the way in which they handle this. Though I would not expect them to sacrifice a powerful plot line just to put across a public interest message, the audience must not be misled about the real consequences.

When a soap opera covers a sensitive issue through its

story, it can provide a valuable volved in the debate about the jailing of a young mother like Mrs Carter on Christmas Eve. opportunity to debate this in a very public forum. But such claiming that a "real" judge would not have done so. He matters are inevitably complex and if the debate is to serve any purpose it must be was taunted by Tony Blair in the Commons for choosing not to apply his "prison works"

These plots touch upon real people's lives and I think that philosophy to Ambridge. the Archers "insider" who is quoted in a newspaper report social issues are increasingly of my criticism as saying "Did debated on fictional premises. you tell Mr Ede that it's not The debate conducted on telereal life; it's just a story?" vision and radio must be informed and balanced. That is misses the point. why what happened to Simon

It is a sign of the times that

Pemberton does matter.

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When Susan Carter was jailed in The Archers for six months for helping her armedrobber brother who had escaped from a prison escort (the programme had taken my advice that time), the national newspapers devoted 50 column feet to the story. Her sentence came soon after Michael Howard's speech at the Tory party conference that 'prison works".

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The Times and The Daily Telegraph wrote leader col-umns about the issue and the News of the World conducted a Free The Ambridge One coupon campaign. A campaign, with posters, T-shirts and a petition, was also organised by a Friends of Susan Carter group.

Michael Howard, when Home Secretary, became in-

good shape. Equally successanother problem for Lord Clinton-Davis.

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Human rights are no

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has said that the new Act will apply in all courts and tribunals, so the language of the convention is likely to become part of domestic legal culture, and not just in those major constitutional cases that reach the House of Lords. This will go a long way towards establishing a broadly based culture of rights. But key issues remain unresolved. The most important of these is the precise relationship between the Act and any primary legislation which is clearly in conflict with it.

It is worth noting what is not in dispute. The new Act will take precedence over delegated legislation, and over existing rules of common law and equity which are inconsistent with the rights and freedoms guaranteed under the convention. Thus the courts are almost certain to overrule the notorious decision in Kaye v Robertson, in which the Court of Appeal held that the actor Gordon Kaye had

no right to sue the Sunday Sport for invading the privacy of his hospital bedroom.

The Bill is also likely to quiring courts to construe legislation consistently with the convention wherever possible. This would have important consequences: it would oblige courts to strive to read a statute so as to conform with the convention; and it would reverse the effect of ex parte Brind, the challenge to the Sinn Fein broadcasting ban, in which the House of Lords held that Ministers and public bod-

ies were not obliged to exercise their powers in accordance with convention rights. Put simply, the traditional "irrationality" threshold for judicial review will give way to the European doctrine of proportionality.

That still leaves the old chestnut of

parliamentary sovereignty to contend with. The number of adverse judgments in Strasbourg that have arisen from primary legislation is by no means insignificant. If the Act is to be effective in such cases, something will have to be done to bring the existing body of UK legislation into line. The Government has made it clear that it

does not intend to carry out an audit of the statute book; instead the courts will be required to construe existing and future legislation consistently with the convention. In a head-on collision, one or other will have

Proponents of the New Zealand model under which the Human Rights Act would always have to give way to conflicting legislation - argue that this is the only way to protect the sovereignty of Parliament. But this approach would do nothing to redress slative breaches of the conv

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It would be a shame if the new Human

> bogged down in this essentially circular argument. Under present arrangements, when the European Court of Human Rights rules that the UK has violated the convention. Parliament almost invariably amends the relevant legislation. Though the decision is theoretically for Parliament. the political reality is that there is usually no choice. Viewed in this way, the question confronting the Government is not whether judges should have the power to declare that an Act is inconsistent with the conven-

Rights Act were to become

tion. That power already exists. The real question is whether it should remain the sole prerogative of European judges or should be extended to British judges who have some familiarity with the domestic legal

Incorporation on the community law model would have the advantage of promoting a consistent application of human rights law throughout the domestic courts. Since the convention is an established part of community law, it already "trumps" domestic legislation in the sphere of community competence. Why should Parliament be willing to qualify its sovereignty in commercial and employment matters, while refusing to do so in relation to human rights? It is no longer possible to draw a rigid distinction between

the two systems of European law. If a future government wishes to restrict fundamental rights then it is entirely appropriate that the matter should be debated in Parliament. The rights we are talking about are, after all, the very rights which define whether a nation qualifies as a democratic society under international law.

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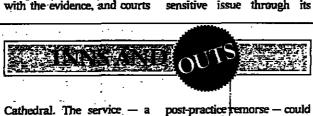
QUIPS ABOUT "fat cats" resonated all week after Lord Irvine's attack. Lawyers noted his acknowledgement that his comments "might bear comparison with the conversion of St Paul". Was he thinking of his own remarks just a year ago at the Bar conference?

On that occasion he also mentioned "fat cats": "However hard-pressed lawyers who earn their income from legal aid may actually be, that is not how the tabloid-influenced public see it," he said. "When they read about

super silks in the private sector who are alliged to earn more than El million a year, that feeds into a belief that all lawyers are fat cass." The public, he added, "knows nothing of the overheads of the Bar". Listeners were persuaded that Lord Irvine would remain "one of them".

Moving tribute

THE LEGAL profession turned out in force to pay tribute last week to the late Lord Taylor of Gosforth at a memorial service at St Paul's



Cathedral. The service - a moving occasion — also had its moments of humour. Mr Justice Potts, who knew Peter Taylor from his schooldays, described his career at the Bar. "He eventually took silk," he says, and his practice flourished but no one - not even a Lord Chancellor full of

call him a 'fat cat'." New school tie LORD WOOLF, Master of the Rolls, paid tribute at the Law Society's council dinner this week to the success of Tony Girling, the outgoing presi-dent, in putting the society in



Bahl: doubly honoured

of the cellar KAMLESH BAHL who chairs the Equal Opportuni-ties Commission, had double reason to celebrate last week. She received her CBE from the Queen — and, perhaps equally hard to achieve, became the first

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woman to be admitted to the inner sanctum of the Law Society wine committee. This elite meets two or three times a year and "holds some very comprehensive tastings", according to secretary Sue Cooper.

ful had been his initiative for a new Law Society tie - so much so that when a member of the Government attended a dinner with the President last week, he tried on the tie and decided to keep it - or as Lord Woolf tactfully put it, "forgot to take it off, thus creating Irvine". The minister? Lord

Watch the birdy

A RARE PAIR of redstarts has been spotted nesting in the Royal Courts of Justice. The birds were discovered nesting at the top of a drain pipe visible from Bell Yard by Ian Bradshaw, a solicitor with Goodman Derrick, and his brother Hugh, also a solicitor, with Smyth Barkham. The brothers, both keen ornithologists, had heard the male singing on Temple church from their nearby offices and watched its flight run. Mr Bradshaw said: "Despite all the fat cat lawyers about, they must have thought there was safety in the law." Chris Harbard of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said they were rare; in the UK 25 to

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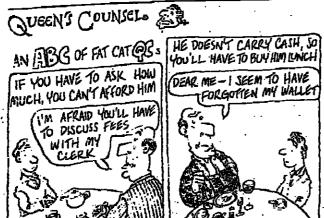
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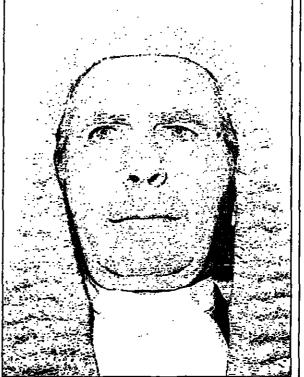
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Frances Gibb on how criticism of high fees has raised the stakes on the earnings issue







he howls of protest can still be heard along corridors ar the Temple. "The hypocrisy, the sheer brass neck," barristers exclaim. Snipes about earnings are fair game. But this time the attack came virtually from their own ranks. The perpetrator was Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, who until May I when he became Lord Chancellor — was certainly one of the plumper cats at the Bar, if not quite in the "significant" sector earning £1 million a year. Lord Irvine's onslaught last week

seemed a master stroke in terms of news management. It was his first public grilling in the Lords over higher court fees brought in earlier this year to criticisms by the profession, the Legal Action Group, even by Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-

His defence of court fees was almost lost in the rash of headlines about "fat cat lawyers railing at the inequity of court fees", a prospect, Lord Irvine said, unlikely to attract

public sympathy. Both Bar and Law Society were publicly restrained. But privately, lawyers are seething at Lord Irvine's successful hijacking of the fees debate by seizing a populist topic guaranteed to earn instant popularity. The impression given. they say, is of the entire profession rolling in money and ripping off the public. And they resent the rollingup of legal aid and private fees in a

Lawyers howl over fat cats attack

way that conceals the modest earnings of many lawyers.

Of course, the Lord Chancellor's knocking the court fees debate into touch. In the longer term, his subtext is to soften the ground for a full-scale onslaught on lawyers'
fees — not just legal aid and the
I per cent of criminal cases that
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legal budget, but private fees, too.
Lawyers expected him to move

on legal aid and do not oppose it. On the contrary, they have tabled their own suggestions for curbing the £1.6 billion bill. But private fees are another matter. Lord Irvine, it seems, is determined to shed his image of a friend of the Bar who would be far less radical than his predecessor. Lord Mackay of

So what is in the melting pot? One option is to rethink the central principle in English justice that the vinner takes all". Instead of winning litigants being able

recoup most of their costs from the losing side, Lord Irvine may look at a cap to limit the sum people can recover. The move - floated first by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, in his civil justice report last year would indirectly bring pressure to bear on lawyers' charges. If a £2,500 costs limit was set for disputes up to £10,000, people would not want to pay any higher sums in legal fees.

eaction is mixed. Some lawyers are strongly opposed, arguing that it would deter people from pursuing legiting that it would deter people from pursuing legiting that it would deter people from pursuing legiting that the fee set is fair. costs, provided the fee set is fair.

Russell Wallman, head of policy, ays: "There is an argument to say Why should the litigant who wins not get his or her costs back? But a balance must be struck between winners recouping reasonable costs and curbing spiralling fees." David McIntosh, senior partner of Davies Arnold Cooper, admits a cap on costs would serve as a brake on fees. "If a client overpays a lawyer, there is no reason why he should be able to recover all of his costs. The present system is sup-

posed to stop this but it does not."

The point, though, is that this measure would bear on disputes at the lower end of the spectrum. The big disputes, involving hundreds of thousands in legal costs, would be untouched. And so would the fat cat" fees reaped, because these are earned by a handful of silks, chiefly doing commercial work, whose big company clients would go on paying whatever it takes to secure

The Bar argues that "fat cat" fees are quite irrelevant to the problem access to justice for those of modest means. Robert Owen, QC, says that à handful of commercial lawyers - both solicitors and barristers - earn huge fees. But they command them in the open market, where private clients are

exercising their right to spend their

money as they wish.

The market, it is true, decides these fees. But how free is the market? The recent furore may fuel the case for a review of the whole way charging operates. And at the heart of it is the silks system, the passport to higher earnings for top barristers, a group held at about 10 per cent of the practising Bar. That exclusivity keeps the QCs in high demand, able to command the highest fees. For a top name — the likes of Sydney Kentridge, QC, Jonathan Sumpti n. QC. Peter Goldsmith, QC — bookings may have to be made two years in advance. And fees may have to be paid upfront, in stages, in the runup to the date - sometimes before

work has begun. Solicitors feel they have no choice but to pay what the clerks ask for. But they are champing at the bit. Andrew Walker, managing partner of Lovell White Durrant, said: There is concern that some top QCs cannot justify the hourly rates of £600 to £800 that some of them charge. Nor the requirement that solicitors should pay the brief fees in stages in advance.

If Lord Irvine wants to tackle high fees, there is no better place to start, perhaps, than with the silks system that gave him and his former colleagues what he called an "entirely satisfactory" living at

Corruption fears in France

Adam Sage on how the French may

alter the system of investigating

magistrates to take an English approach

rance is proud of its investireputed to be intrepid, independent, and honest. They have served as models for many coun-tries and reformers would like them in Britain. But are they getting out of hand? The French equivalent of our Royal Commis-sion on Criminal Justice believes so and has called for curbs on the wide powers of France's 6,135 juges

d'instruction. The Commission Truche of 21 eminent French jurists in a report urged a series of measures to help to turn the magistrate into a British-style prosecutor. Bernard Vatier, president of the Paris Bar Council, says the measures are "a step" towards that way of doing things.
In a justice system originating

after the French Revolution, investigating magistrates have tra-ditionally been considered the linchpins. Though they need the approval of their local state prosecutor to launch an inquiry, they can do more or less what they want once the investigation is under way. They have the police under their orders, can question whom they like and can remand suspects in custody or on bail.

The commission, headed by France's best-known judge, Pierre Truche. 67. wants to restrict this role. It says, for example, that investigating magistrates should lose the right to decide whether to grant bail - a recommendation which comes after criticism that magistrates often detain defendants in an attempt to obtain a confession. In theory, they can order a detention only to prevent a crime or to stop the suspect conferring with other witnesses or defendants. Alain Carignon, the former communications minister, is the most famous of a long list of suspects who harbour grudges against the judiciary for alleged abuses of power. M Carignon was held in custody in 1994 for almost a year on corruption charges.

The commission said bail hearings should be held in open court by three judges not involved in the investigation, and the press should be able to report the proceedings. M Truche also called for lawyers to be allowed to see their clients "an hour after an arrest", instead of 24

hours later. He said police and judicial interrogations should be video-recorded.

The recommendations come after claims about a series of cases that police officers fabricated confessions or extracted them through violence. Recently, Djamel Eddou ibi, 20, was released from custody after it emerged that he admitted raping a policewoman to escape beating by some of her colleagues

after his arrest. M Vatier says. "The investigating magistrate's traditional role has been to shed light on what has happened. Now it looks as though he is to become an accusing judge rather than an investigating judge. The rights of the defence will be increased." He said that with French magistrates still overseeing police but constrained by new laws, the system could be "better than the British system".

Perhaps so. But it will be more like the British system. In a second proposal, M Truche says France should introduce an offence of contempt of court for the first time, with the media forbidden from mentioning names of those arrested. M Truche could win sup port from lawyers worried by publicity given to recent investigations; notably the arrest last month of 600 alleged paedophiles. Six men committed suicide when their names appeared in the local press, and at least one was posthumously declared innocent. But the proposal for a contempt of court law has infuriated journalists, for whom the only reporting restrictions are the country's libel laws.

edia commentators also denounced the commission's stance on the sensitive relationship between politics and justice. With the state prosecution service answerable to the justice ministry, and no constitu-tional separation of powers in France, successive governments have covered up scandals by telling prosecutors to quash em

M Truche's commission has ruled out severing the link. Ministers, it said, should not intervene in criminal cases, but should retain overall authority over the prosecu-

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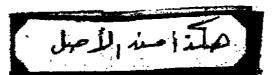
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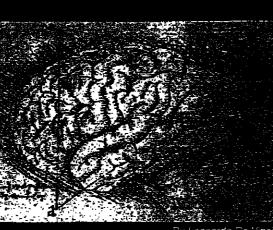
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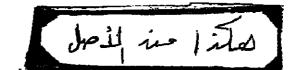
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Store liable to licensees' employees

Harrods Ltd v Remiek Harrods Ltd v Seeley Elmi v Harrods Ltd

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Ward |Judgment July 17|

A department store owner who ran a system of licensed concessionaires and who declined to grant approval to an employee of one of its licensees for reasons which constituted unlawful racial discrimination, was liable under section 7 of the Race Relations Act 1976 to that employee.

The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Harrods Ltd from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (The Times May 28, 1996; [1996] ICR 846) in favour of Mrs Amupama Seeley, Mrs Ma-ria Remick and Mrs Gillian Elmi. Section 7 of the 1976 Act 1976: "(1)

This section applies to any work for a person (the principal) which is available for doing by individuals (contract workers) who are employed not by the principal himself but by another person who supplies them under a contract

worker . . . (b) by not allowing him to do it or continue to do it."

Mr. Bob Hepple, QC and Mr. Paul Goulding for Harrods; Mrs. Laura Cox QC, Mr. Martin. Westgate and Ms. Sandhya Drew for the proposedente.

for the respondents.
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that Harrods organised the sale of goods at its Knightsbridge store by granting licenses under which the licensee became responsible for a particular department at

The licensee had to provide the sales force at the department in question. The members of the sales force would be the licensee's employees, hired and remunerated by the licensee.

Each member of the sales force, however, had to be approved by Harrods and had to observe Harrods' rules regarding dress, deportment and behaviour. Harrods might withdraw its approval of any such individual at any time.
The contractual arrangements

between Harrods and its licensee made with the principal.

"(2) It is unlawful for the principal, in relation to work to

had the result that the members of the sales force, each of whom would necessarily have been approved by Harrods, would be employees of the licensee but respondents without a remedy in would be selling to the public the event of discrimination against him or her by the principal since section 30 and 31 of the 1976 Act goods that belonged at the moment of sale to Harrods, not to the only provided for declaratory relief Each respondent, who had einot a personal remedy.

ther lost or failed to gain approval by Harrods, alleged that she was Applying Showboat Enter-ainment Centre Ltd v Owens victim of racial discrimination. (1984) ICR 65, 71): Jones v Tower The question was whether a case oot Co Ltd ([1997] ICR 254) and against Harrods of unlawful discrimination was capable of Savjani v Inland Revenue Commissioners [1981] QB 458, 456being brought under section 7 of the 1976 Act. Both the industrial tribunal and the Employment 467) a construction of section 7 should give effect to the statutory language that was not only consis-tent with the actual words used but Appeal Tribunal held that it could.
Two question arose on the also would achieve the stannory purpose of providing a remedy to victims of discrimination who construction of section 7: Was the work done at the

> Similar considerations applied to whether the individuals who licensee were persons who their employer "supplies under a con-tract made with [Harrods]". His Lordship held that they were. The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal had come to the right

would otherwise be without one.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord rice Ward agreed. Solicitors: Ms Caroline Boseley: Mr Makhool Javaid

public interest in the conservation that a right of way which was not of public rights of way. Parliament

Right of way to be granted

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Regina v Secretary of State for Wales, Ex parte Emery Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Phillips

[Judgment July 9] An application to a local authority under section 53(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 for the definitive survey map of an area to be modified under section 53(2) to include an alleged public footpath that was based on credible evidence of enjoyment of it as a public right of way over a period of 20 years was to be granted unless there was documentary evidence

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the Secretary of State for Wales, but for different reasons, from the judgment of Sir Louis Blom-Couper, QC (The Times June 24, 1996; [1996] 4 All ER I) granting an application by Mr Gordon
Emery, a member of the Ramblers'
Association, for judicial review of
the secretary of state's decision
upholding the refusal by Clwyd County Council to modify the definitive map of its area to show a public footpath running from Llyn Madoc, Trefor, along the bank o the River Dee in an easterly direction to Pont-Cysyllte Bridge. Section 53 of the 1981 Act

provides: °(2) As regards every definitive map and statment, the surveying authority shall — ... (b) ... keep the map and statement under continuous review and as soon as reasonably practical after the occurrence ... of any of those events, by order make such modifications ... as appear to them to be requisite...

"(3) The events referred to . . . are ... (c) the discovery by the au-thority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows (i) that a right of way which is not shown in the map and state ment subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist. . .

Mr John Hobson for the secretary of state; Mr George Laurence, QC and Mr Edwin Simpson for Mr Emery.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that there were two ways in which a public right of way could be First, at common law by an act

of dedication by the owner of the land over which the way passed. Second, by an act of dedication being deemed to have been dedicated as a highway; by enjoyment by the public as of right and without interruption for 20 years, unless there was sufficient evidence that there was no intention during that period to dedicate it: see section 31 of the Highways Act

The appeal was concerned with

obligation to prepare and publish definitive maps and statements of footpaths and bridleways over which public rights of way existed.

They were placed under an additional duties by section 53(2) of the 1981 Act to review the particu lars contained in the mans and statements from time to time.

In 1992 Mr Emery applied unsuccessfully to Clwyd Council for a modifying order in respect of the footpath at Llyn Madoc. On his appeal to the secretary of state, he submitted over 100 statements showing that the path had been used by the public for walking from 1912 up to 1986.

There was written evidence from the landowners that general access to the public along the river bank had always been refused. Upholding Mr Emery's applica-

tion for judicial review, the judge had quashed the secretary of state's decision on the grounds of legitimate expectation and fairwrong in principle, would be disastrous in practice and could not be sustained.

Section 53(3)(c)(i) related to discovery by the local authority of evidence of two separate things: First that a right of way which shown on the map was reasonably alleged to subsist. Difficulty was caused by those two limbs of the subsection.

There could only be discovery by the authority of evidence that a right of way which was not shown on the map subsisted if there was clear evidence of 20 years' use uncuntroverted by any credible evidence to the contrary and no the part of the landowners no intention during the period to dedicate the way to the public.

The problem arose where there

was conflicting evidence on one or other or both issues. In approaching such cases the local authority and the secretary of state should bear in mind that an order under section 53(5) left both the applicant and the objector with the ability to appeal under Schedule 15 to the 1981 Act when conflicting evidence could be heard and those issues determined following a public

The correct approach had been laid down by Mr Justice Owen in R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Bagshaw ((1994) 68 P & CR 402).

Where an applicant for a modification order produced cred-

credible evidence in relation, o one of the other issues which arose under section 31 of the 1980 Act. then the allegation that the right of way subsisted was reasonable and the secretary of state should so find, unless there was documentary evidence which had inevitably to defeat the claim either. for example, by establishing in-controvertibly that the landowner had no intention to dedicate or that the way was of such a character that use of it by the public could not give rise at common law to any

In the present case, the evidence for the landowners was far from being clear and unequivocal. The secretary of state's failure to conclude that there was no right of way contradicted his finding that the actions of the landowners had clearly that they had no intention to dedicate it as a public right of

presumption of dedication.

It was not a reasonable conclusion for the secretary of state to reach that the evidence submitted in support of the application was not such as to indicate that a right of way was reasonably alleged to

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Phillips agreed. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Brooke North & Goodwin, Leeds.

Rescue services owe no duty of care to those in distress

OLL Ltd v Secretary of State for the Home Department Before Mr Justice May

[Judgment June 16] The coastguard owed no duty of care where it negligently misdirected its own personnel or equipment while trying to rescue people in danger at sea nor did it owe any duty of care where it misdirected other people outside

its own service. Mr Justice May so held in the Queen's Bench Division when striking out a claim against the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Civil Liability (Contribution) Act 1978 of OLL contribution towards claims settled between them and families and individuals who had brought actions arising out of a disastrous

Regis in March 1993. Mr Jeremy Stuart-Smith, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Lionel Persey. OC, for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE MAY said that Capital and Counties plc v Hamp-shire County Council (The Times

canoeing expedition off Lyme

March 20, 1977; [1997] 2 All ER 865) were consolidated appeals of three cases in which claims were made against fire brigades.

Lord Justice Stuart Smith had there said that the fire brigade was not under a cummon law duty to answer a call for help and was not under a duty to take care in doing

But where the rescue service itself by negligence created the danger which caused the plaintiff's injury, there was no doubt the tiff could recover where a nev or different danger had been created from that which the rescue service was seeking to guard against, for example, if, on arrival the scene, the fire engine was negligently driven into the plaintiff's car. In the first case the defendant, having negligently turned off sprinklers, by its positive act had exacerbated the fire

and a duty of care was established. Mr Stuart-Smith was scarcely able to find material reasons for distinguishing this case from the Capital and Counties decision. Indeed there was no obvious distinction between the fire bri-

gade responding to a fire where

guard responding to an emergency Mr Stuart-Smith submitted that the coastguard intervened pos-

rescue services and thereby materially increased the risk so as to create fresh danger for the canoeists and positively made things worse by removing the potential for the other services to save the canoeists earlier. His Lordship considered that

the Capital and Counties decision was to be applied to the coastguard.

The remaining question was whether the misdirections given by the coasiguard to other rescue organisations were to be equated with the fire officer negligently ordering the sprinkler system to be switched off. They were not.

A distinction which would ren der the coastguard potentially liable if it gave misdirections to other people was quite artificial. His Lordship acceded to the defendants' application to strike out and dismiss the claim.

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Limit to discretion

Shropshire County Council v magistrate had declined to make Before Lord Justice Henry and Mr

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[Judgment July 1] When considering an application from a local authority to make an order for the removal of persons and their vehicles unlawfully on land, the magistrate did not have a general discretion to refuse to make the order where he consid-

thority to seek their removal. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an appeal by Shropshire County Council by way of case stated from a decision by Mr Peter Browning. Telford Supendiary Magistrate. not to make an order under section 78 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 requiring Michael David Wynne to move from land at the complaint of Shropshire County Council.

Mr Robin Campbell for the council, the respondent did not appear and was not represented. LORD JUSTICE HENRY said. that the respondent had been

living in a caravan on land forming part of a highway for several years when the council directed him, under section 77 of the 1994 Act. to leave. When he did not leave, the council annied to the court to

make an order under section 78

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an order, stating that on the facts of the case it was unreasonable to do so, and that he had a discretion not to make an order in those

In his Lordship's judgment the use of the word "may" in section 78 was not enough to establish that the Act gave justices a discretion. More explicit language was required, as for example in section 84(2) of the Housing Act 1985.

His Lordship adonted the approach taken by Mr Justice Sedley in R v Wealden District Council, Exparte Wales: R v Same, Exparte Stratford: R v Lincolnshire County Council, Ex parte Atkinson (The Times September 22, 1995) and the Divisional Court in R v Wolverhammon Metropolitan Borowsh Council and Another. Ex parte Dunne and Another (The Times January 2, 1997). The question of reasonableness

was for the council to decide when n made a section 77 direction. There was no discretion for the magistrate to review the action A closely-limited discretion did exist to refuse to make an order in special circumstances, for example when it was unnecessary to doso because the occupier made an acceptable undertaking to leave by a certain time

Mr Justice Gage agreed. Solicitors: Mr David Brierly, requiring him to do so. The

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Where a party applied out of time for judicial review of a decision relating to a major planning proposal, it could not pray in aid R v CICB, Ex parte A (The Times June 6, 1997) which established that unexplained delay without evidence of prejudice was not a bar to relief, since in such cases it was self-evident that there would be prejudice to good administration of the planning of the area, quite apart from any specific prejudice those directly concerned, if doubts over the status of the

proposal were left unresolved. Mr Justice Carnwath, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held granting in part Chieveley Parish Council's application for judicial review of, inter alia, the decision of Newbury District Council's decision to grant approval of reserved matters relat-ing to the planning application of Newbury and District Agricultural Society to build two exhibition halls in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Mr Robin Purchas, QC and Miss Suzanne Ornsby for the parish council; Mr John Steel, QC and Mr Rabinder Singh for the district council: Mr Michael FitzMR RISTICE CARNWATH

also said that when the district council granted the permission, it had reserved matters which had been particularised in the application. That was an error of law which appeared on the face of the

The applicant had submitted nullity and that it was not necessary for the court to make an order to that effect or to exercise its discretion in granting relief. That was to be contrasted with an error which simply invalidated the per-mission, which would not exclude the court's discretion.

His Lordship rejected that sub-

Appeal authorities beginning with Co-operative Retail Services v Taff Ely BC ((1980) 39 P & CR 233) showed that the question whether the defect rendered a permission void or a nullity was not a useful subject of inquiry.

The starting point was to consider the nature of the defect and to ask whether it was an important part of the statutory procedure for the protection of parties such as the applicant before the court. If it as, and a breach of it had been established, then prima facie the court should grant relief.

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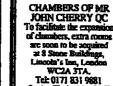
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Pantani steps up the pressure on worried Riis

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN MORZINE

MARCO PANTANI, of Italy, overcame a sleepless night and acute bronchitis yesterday to take his second Tour de France stage win in three days and seize third place overall from the defending champion, Bjarne Riis, on the

final Alpine stage to Morzine. Pantani. 27, known to his Italian supporters as Nosferatu and Elephantino. because of his shaven head and protruding ears, enlivened an otherwise dull day. which was trouble-free for the race leader, Jan Ullrich.

"My bronchitis isn't much better and I haven't been able to sleep much," Pantani said. The Sunday stage was very fast and I could hardly breathe, but today wasn't so fast, my legs felt better and I could breathe more easily so, when we reached the last climb. I decided to attack as

hard as I could." By the summit of the narrow and very steep Col de Joux Plane, Pantani had an advantage of Imin over

Virenque, of France, and he no danger to anyone," charged into the descent to- Jalabert said, "So it was well wards Morzine. "I wasn't scared," he said, "even though I went flat out. I didn't want to risk losing my

Ullrich's sole concern was the possibility of an attack by Virenque, his closest challenger, who began the day in feisty mood. "I've never felt discouraged by Ullrich's strength," Virenque said, even if so far I've been unable to beat him."

Yet it was another Frenchman, Laurent Jalabert, who began the Tour among the favourites to finish in the first three, who broke away from the field on the Col de Tamie after 36 miles. It has been a trying Tour for the enigmatic Jalabert, the world No I. who lost any hope of a high placing as soon as the race reached the Pyrenees. All that was left to restore the affections of his supporters was a lone bid for a stage victory. "I'm so far behind on the

overall classification that I'm

worth trying to steal a stage

Jalabert, the winner of the

Paris-Nice event last March for the third year in succession, was unable to hold off his pursuers and, as he dropped back into the pack at the summit of the Col de la Colombiére, the Festina and Telekom teams of Virengue and Ullrich again moved to the front of the race to set a brisk pace on the flat valley road to the final Alpine pass of this year's event.

Virenque's plans for one last attack on the 23-year-old German were thwarted by Pantani's unanswerable burst. The Italian's spectacular turn of speed immediately took him clear of his pursuers and left the hapless Riis battling to limit his deficit.

As Riis faced up to the prospect of finishing outside the top three, Pantani, who confessed later that he had thought of abandoning the Tour on Sunday because of



Pantani coasts triumphantly into Morzine to complete a stage win that took him into third place overall

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his bronchitis, completed his second stage win, matching previous Tours.

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Boardman prepares for return to finish

CHRIS BOARDMAN, who retired on Saturday in great pain from injuries he suffered in an earlier crash, has been told to rest for three days while having treatment for a badly torn muscle between his neck and shoulder blade. Nevertheless, the British world 4,000 metres pursuit champion and record-holder will be at the finish in Paris on Sunday as a spectator.

"Chris wants to join his GAN team colleagues for a brief reunion," Peter Woodworth, his business manager, said yesterday. GAN's sponsorship ends this year, but Boardman and most of his colleagues have elected to wait until September I before seeking team places elsewhere in the hope that another sponsor

found. With Graeme Obree temporarily "retired" from comand Boardman planning not to defend his world pursuit title in Australia next month, their potential successors raced to reach the quarter-finals of the British 4,000 metres championship at Manchester yesterday. Rob Hayles, runner-up last year to Obree, was the fastest of the eight qualifiers with a personal best time of 4min 29.032sec. followed by Bryan Steel and

MOTOR RACING: BRITON BIDS FOR FURTHER SUCCESS IN INDYCARS

Victory drives Blundell on

MARK BLUNDELL yesterday set his sights on further success in North America after completing one of the best victories of his chequered career in the Molson Indy race in Toronto, Canada, on Sunday night.

The victory was the second in three PPG Cart World Series outings for Blundell. who failed to win once in a Formula One career that spanned 61 grands prix. The Briton, 31, now based in Paradise Valley, Arizona, drove a perfect race to lead for all but two of the 95 laps.

"This is one of the greatest moments of my career," Blundell, who drives for the Motorola PacWest Mercedes team, said. "We had a car that was simply the fastest there.

"We led for just a little of the last win in Portland, but we got this one fair and square. The whole PacWest team earned this one. The guys gave me great pit-stops and, other than a couple of backmarkers who didn't want to get out of the way, it was a perfect day.

"I'm just taking it all in my

was only a matter of time for the team to come together and give me the car and package that we needed to win."

Blundell, who had started from second place on the grid. took over the lead on the first lap when Dario Franchitti, of Scotland, collided with the Ford of Bobby Rahal, of the United States.

Blundell's win in Oregan last month was the first in an IndyCar race by a Briton since Nigel Mansell, in 1993.The next round is the US 500 at the Michigan Speedway in Brook-



Blundell: perfect race

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INGOLDSTADT, Germany; International meeting (selected results): Winners: Men: 100m: M Marsh (LS) 10.24sec 200m: Marsh 20.30sec 400m: J Young (LS) 13.24. Pole waith: T Lobinger (Gar) 5.95m (natorial record). Javelin: R Heart (Gar) 86.22m. Women: 200m: J Campbell (Jam) 22.69. 800m: J Henner (LS) 2min 02.21sec 100m: hurdlest: C Botha (SA) 13.17sec 100m: hurdlest: C Botha (SA) 13.17sec 115m; A Actate (Gar) 1.94m. Shot: A Kumbernus: (Gar) 20.87m.
KENTMERE, Cumbria: Kantmere Horseshoe felt race (11.9m. 3,300ft; Men: 1, G Devine (Pudsev and Bramley) 1hr: 30mn 40sec; 2. J Detwes (Bornowdale) 1:30-47; 3. J Blackett (Mandale) 1:31-21; 4, D Holdsworth (Arendal, M40) 1.32:09, 5, M Pleming (Ambiesoid) 1:35-16. 6, M Waish (Kendal, M45) 1:36:43 Over-50: D Keams (Botton) 1:50:10 Team: 1. Kendal 26pts; 2. Botton 54 Women: 1, V Peacock (Clayton-le-Moors, W40) 1:57:38; 2, N Lavey (Ambiesoid) 1:57:36, 3, J King (Cumberland Fell Runners) 2:03:40 KERHLEY, West Yorkshire: Asics Oldfield Gala fell race (3m, 500ff): Men: 1, I Holmss (Bngley) 22mn 40sec (record); 2. S Green (Pudsey and Bramley) 23:16; 3, R Grillo (Bradford Airedale) 23:16; 4, S Oldfield (Bradford Airedale) 23:16; 3, R Grillo (Bradford Airedale) 23:16; 3, R Grillo (Bradford Airedale) 23:16; 3, R Grillo (Bradford Airedale) 23:16; 5, P Severson (Pudsey and Bramley) 25:54 (record); 2. S Green (Pudsey and Bramley) 23:55 WARE: British 24hr track-wallding champlonship: 1, P Pederson (Derman, guest) 190 845m; 2, C Fitt (London Vidarans) 184 208m; 3, K Penry (Southend) 178 972; 4, D Watson (Sunney WC) 177 196; 5, E Horwill (Dudley & Stoutbedge) 165 775, 6, M Fisher (York, ClU) 164 818 Tham; (Sunney WC) 177 196; 5, E Horwill (Dudley & Stoutbedge) 165 775, 6, M Fisher (York, ClU) 164 818 Tham; (Sunney WC) 177 196; 5, E Horwill (Dudley & Stoutbedge) 165 775, 6, M Fisher (York, ClU) 164 818 Tham; (Sunney WC) 177 196; 5, E Horwill (Dudley & Stoutbedge) 165 775, 6, M Fisher (York, ClU) 164 818 Tham;

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round: A Volkov (Pluss) bt O Camporese (II)
6-3, 7-6: T Champion (FI) bt M Charpenter
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MAHTMAH, New Jersey: Women's bournament: Quarter-finels: C Rubin (US) bt A Latities (US) 6-3, 6-2. A Kournikova (Ruse) bt A Grossman (US) 7-6, 6-1; M Moleeve (Su) bt E Likhovbevu (Ruse) 6-4, 1-0 ret; M Sales: (US) bt M Latic (Ger) 2-6, 7-5, 6-0.
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less, at the end of a gallop over nine furlongs of Lés Aigles in

Chantilly. "He went very nice-

ly, seemed relaxed and happy.

and I'm full of confidence for

Ascot," Asmussen said, seeking — after Justin Leonard —

to become the second Texan in

successive weekends to seize

the British sporting headlines.

"It is a great field, everything

in it deserves respect, and it's

great for the game. Singspiel is one of the best horses in the

world today - but I sure wouldn't swap my horse for

Onlookers did not consider

Helissio's work to be too strenuous, but reported the colt in grand condition since

his warm-up in the Grand

Prix de Saint-Cloud last

Triomphe last autumn, but

there remain question marks

over whether he can show that

same elan outside his home-

land - especially on the fast

going that he seems likely to

That sort of ground at least

suits Strategic Choice, third

behind Lammtarra two years

ago, but Paul Cole feels that

his only prospect of success would be if a large hole were

also to appear in it, swallow-

ing Helissio. Singspiel and

Pilsudski. "He has got no

chance of winning," the train-

er said. "He has a chance of a

quality that the same would be

true of numerous of its previ-

It is a measure of the race's

place at best."

ous winners.

THE King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes has

been billed as a three-horse race between last year's Arc winner, Helissio, this year's Dubai World Cup victor Singsplet, and

Certainly the bookmakers have taken this view, offering 12-1 bar

the tric. However, while all three hold strong claims, they are no

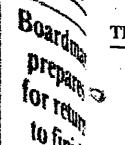
Pilsudski, successful in the Eclipse earlier this month.

encounter on Saturday.

Helissio was certainly one of the most flamboyant winners of the Prix de l'Arc de

any of them."

month.



RACING: SWITCH TO SINGSPIEL LEAVES PARTICIPATION OF SHANTOU IN DOUBT FOR KING GEORGE

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Dettori changes partners for Ascot

BY CHRIS MCGRATH

THERE are more appropriate times to be switching partners than the day after your wedding, but Frankie Dettori wasyesterday confirmed as the rider of Singspiel in the King George Vi and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on Saturday. Shantou, marooned at the altar, may now be withdrawn.

Dettori, who ended his bachelor days on Sunday, has enjoyed a uniquely successful liaison with Shantou — so much so that John Gosden,

HOUSE TANS

Nap: ELNADIM (3.45 Yarmouth) Next best: Clef Of Silver (4.15 Yarmouth)

trainer of the tricky St Leger winner, feels that there is little point running him with any other escort. But Sheikh Mohammed, who owns both horses, has - as anticipated in The Times yesterday - decided that the percentage bet is to keep Dettori on the more

strongly fancied Singspiel. The Italian coaxed Shantou to a narrow success over Swain, another of the eight five-day acceptors for Saturday's race, in the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket's July meeting. But he has also steered Singspiel to win the Japan Cup and Coronation Cup.

Anthony Stroud, the sheikh's racing manager, said that "every option" would now

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.00 LINCOMB MAIDEN HURDLE

(£2,966; 2m 4f) (10 runners)

2.00 Northern Fleet. 2.30 Final Pride. 3.00 life

3.30 Derring Bridge. 4.00 Walking Tall. 4.30 Commanche Creek.

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Singspiel, the Coronation Cup winner, will be ridden by Dettori in the King George at Ascot on Saturday

be considered for Shantou, and that a decision might not be made until Thursday. Gosden certainly appears to have lost out to Michael Stoute, Singspiel's trainer, in this power struggle within the sheikh's camp, and is now expected to advise against

running the horse at all. Should he go to post, however, there could be no more sensible replacement than Willie Ryan, who brought the Derby to Stanley House last month, when a late replacement on

acceptable alternative for Singspiel, must instead honour domestic commitments in France. It was those same ties that originally saw him forfeit the ride on Helissio, the French-trained favourite. Cash Asmussen has played the role of lawyer in that divorce, enjoying all the benefit - and yesterday he was delighted by Helissio's final exertions before Saturday's race, which looks like being the best staged in Britain for many years.

The colt dashed clear of two work companions, with

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

2.15 Mezzoramio 2.45 Kite

3.15 Awesome Wells

3.45 MARCH CRUSADER (nap) 4 15 Clef Of Silver 4.45 Dalwhinnie

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 CLEF OF SILVER. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Kite. 3.15 Awesome Wells. 4.15 BABANINA (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 G000 TBMES 74 (GD_BF.F.G.S) (Mrs.D Robinson) & Hall 5-10-3 . B (Net 24) 88 Racecard number: Daw in brackets Su-figure form if - tell P - pulled up. U - orceated rader 8 - bought down S - slipped up. E - refused. D - disqualited) Horse's name. Daw smoot lest routing. J d pumps, F 8 hat 18 - bloods a V - vest H - hood E - Fyerheld. C - course women D - distance women CD --

brought in 1986 area (Sam) on which have her won (F — fam, good to fam, hard S — good S — only good to soil, heavy Owner in brackets

GOING GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 SCRATBY HANDICAP (£3,932: 7/ 3yd) (16 runners) Let 1 SCRATBY HANDICAP (£3,932: 71 3yd) (16 runners)

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104 (5) 001300 PENEAMON 20 (F.G) (Ikle: A Smallman) (1 Callingridge 5-9-9 ... I Duron 9

105 (7) 0-06624 MID PALM 11 (BB (F.C.D.C.S.) 15 Carrier 98

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112 (4) 64-000 HOPFFILL BID 6 (C.D.F.G.) (6 Whiting) M Chapman 7-8-11 SC Carrion (7) 92

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116 (12) 60000051 KERPHOOD 8 (kirs V Hubbard) K Mongen 5-8-2 ... M Richarts (7) 94

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BETTING 5-1 PLEATURE 6-1 Prime Sally, 7-7 Algune Hideemay, Hype Emergy 2-1 Wild Palm, Secure 10-1

1996 GYMCRAK FLYER 5-9-7 Dean McVerson (11-4) G Holmes 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALPINS HIDEAWAY beat inleach 1'vi in 15-number claimer at Southeell (AV. 7) WILD PALIA 4'vi if to 11 to Romblepoch in contribions race at Wolverhampion (AV. 7) E-4ARA 1'vi 3'rd of 9 to 64 for the Job in mancer at Wolverhampion (AV. 6) RED ADMARAL beat improving from neck in 13-number handicap at Wolverhampion (AV. 6)

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2.45 ELIZABETH SIMPSON SELLING STAKES

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5	(6)	000	LILIAN MARKS 13 (5 Moltoy) B Machan 8-6 M Tebboo	74
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1998: SLCA'S MY KEY 8-1) R Husties (C-1) M Charenon 6 ran

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3.15 MEDLER MAIDEN STAKES (£3,677, 1m 3t 10,1yd) (8 runners)

(2) 4- JASEUR 423 (Sheith Mohammed) J Gouden 4-9-9
(6) 522 AWESOME WELLS 34 (Chreden Stud) H Cacil 3-8-12
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(8) 55 GLITTERING 10 IA Richards) C Brittan 3-8-12
(7) 053-0 NWERMARK B1 (Sh Dand Wills) J Fanchase 3-8-12
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(9) 0-1 MARSUL 15 (H al-Maksomy J Goston 3-8-12
(4) 323-44 ELBAAHA 20 (Sheith A al-Maksoum) M Janvs 3-8-7 4- JASSUR 423 (Shelid Mohammed) J Golden 4-9-9 522 AWESOME WELLS 34 (Chreden Stud) H Cacil 3-8-12 0-0 BRIGGS TURIN 71 /F Briggs W Jarvis 3-8-12 5 DEVILISH CHARM IS IN Aboultal Mrs. A Perret 3-8-12 55 GLITTERINS 10 (A Richards) C Britain 3-8-12 G Hind BETTONG: 11-10 Americane Wells. 9-7 Marsul 11-7 Jacobs 7-7 Investment, Elevativa 10-1 Devoluti Chaire 75-1 Ghaering, 33-1 Broggs Torm

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FORM FOCUS

JASEUR 3%1 4th of 15 to Mount Row in Haydock maiden (1m 21 120yd, good to soll). AWESOME WELLS 1%1 2nd of 18 to Muneurs in Ripon maiden (1m 21, good). BRIGGS TURN 287 8th of 12 to Banbury in Reduce maiden (1m 21, good) DEVIL-SH CHARM 3%1 5th of 10 to Darapour in Bath Solection: AWESOME WELLS

3.45 NORTH WALSHAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O. £5,495 6) 3vd) (11 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Emadem, 5-1 Relate To Lace, 6-1 Forcing Bad, 7-1 Salca key Salca, Hopesay 8-1 Moonstaner

1996: SVLVA PARADISE 9-1 B Drovie (5-2) C Britoin & can

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Cong. good in little 2.15 (7l) 1, RICO SUAVE (S Sanders, 5-2), 2, Marran (K Darley, 4-7 fav); 3, Tearawey (J Carroll, 12-1), ALSO RAN, 16 Swaybus (4th), 4 Jan 4, 41, 81, M Prescoti at Newmarket Tote 23.50 DF; 21.60, CSF: 23.83

3.45 (1m 2) 1. CRYSTAL HEARTED (A McGione, B-1); 2. Fahris (R Hills, 5-8 lev); 3. Even Top (W Ryan, 11-8) 3 ran NA, KI, H Candy Tote £7 60. DF. £3 00 CSF. £13.63

4.45 (71) 1. HI MUJTAHID (K Darley, 4-1);

Placecot: £590.80. Quedoot: £21.90.

Going: standard

CSF 57.17
4.00 (7f) 1, ICY GUEST (D Holland, 7-1).
2. Napier Star (S Webster, 12-1); 3. Arrases Lady (J Fowle, 33-1) ALSO RAN:
5-2 tay Poople Direct, 9-2 At Reet (Sth), 5. Kissél, 6 Bollero (4th), 10 Heathyards Lady (6th), 12 Born A Lady, 14 Starlis Curest, 20 Oualitat Sither, 11 ran 4 Starlis Curest, 20 Oualitat Sither, 11 ran 6 Starlis Curest, 20 Oualitat Sither, 11 ran 6 Starlis Curest, 20 Oualitat Sither, 11 ran 6 Starlis Curest, 20 Oualitat Sither, 20

Incast: 12.461.25
4.30 (7) 1. DOCKLANDS DISPATCH (Rm Tinkler, 6-1); 2. Edna's Gift (P Roberts, 7-2), 3. Rock From The Sun (D Sweeney, 6-5 lav), ALSO RAN: 5 Sodh Avenue (4th), 8 Boccolno, 16 Vogue Imperial (5th), 40 E B Treasure (6th), 7 ran 14, 141, 2, 41, 151 N Tinkler at Maiton, Tote £9.30, £2.80, £2.10 DF £7.70, CSF £25.94

E7.70, CSF: £25.94
5.00 (63) 1. ZAIN DANCER (F Lynch. 100-30 lavi; 2, Time To Phy (D Sweeney. 9-1); 3, See Ya Malke (S Webster, 7-1); 4, Legend Of Aragon (T Pengkerego, 20-1); 41.50 RAN 5 Afaan. S& Cottage, 13-2 Lachesis, 7 Thordis (6th), 20 Sandweld, Saxon Bay, Steal Ern, 25 Bold Street, La Volla, Sharp Return, 33 Jaly Beveled (6th), Miss Aragon, 16 ran, 31, 241, 34, 11, 34, D Nicholis at Thirsk, Tole, £440, £1.20, £2 60, £1 90, £5.10, DF, £58 70. Trio £126 60 CSF £51.77, Tincast £199 74. Placepot: £231.40. Quadpot: £57.10.

STANLEY CHIN, twice champion apprentice in Hong

ston and will stay here until next month. Johnston's assistant, Bobby Elliott, said: "Indigo Dawn struggled early on but stays very well."

4.15 E B F SCROBY SANDS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,351: 5f 43yd) (8 runners)

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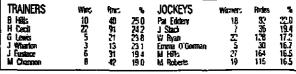
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Tony McGlone had eleverly dictated the pace on the colt

ty of spirit to win by a neck.

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unbeatable. Helissio could not be opposed if the ground turned to the soft side of good, but his two defeats last season came o fast ground, and he will be vulnerable if the ground remains good to firm:
Singspiel put up the best performance of his career when winning the ten-funding Dubisi World Cup on that in April, but although he has sence won a slowly run Coronation Gup over a mile and a half, he may be at his best over the shorter trip. Prisudity beat Singspiel in last year's Breeders' Cup Turf, and may well have won the Eclipse even if Bospa Sham had not encountered her well-documented traffic problems. On his penultimate start at Royal Ascot, he was beaten half a length by Predappio in the group two Hartlwicke States, and even no 2h. better terms, may struggle to reverse the form.

Trained by John Oxx in Ireland last year, Predappio, who has run just eight times, is going from strength to strength. On his first run for Saeed bin Surror, he was bestien half-a-length by Bosra

Sham, staying on strongly over an inadequate ten furlongs, and Ascot success the has not been given the credit he deserves for those two runs, and, with top American jockey Gary Stevens 141 161 161 161 value at 14-1 with Coral and the Tote. 33-1 33-1 40-1 40-Crystal Hearted springs surprise

THE Derby form was turned Fahris, the 6-5 on favourite. mounted a strong challenge but was unable to muster the extra required to get past. Even Top had moved up of faith in this horse and we menacingly on the far side,

> quarters of a length further back in third.

but did not appear to find a

great deal and was three-

Crystal Hearted finished twelfth, almost 30 lengths behind the sixth-placed

Going: good to firm

£1.60. CSF: £3.83

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But Michael Poland, whose

wife, Carolyn. owns the colt.

said: "We've always had a lot

thought he had a good

chance. He wasn't right in the

Derby and came back after

that and slept for a few days."

possible runner in a group

race over ten furlongs at

Deauville next month.

Crystal Hearted is now a

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Chin continues winning run

Kong, continued his good run in England when winning the Turner Handicap on Indigo Dawn at Southwell yesterday. Chin, who rode a winner at Newmarket on Saturday, is having his second spell with winning trainer Mark John**CRICKET**

Gatting holds up Warne to ensure spoils are shared

LORD'S (final day of three): Mid-

THE Australians came closer to beating Middlesex than seemed possible yesterday in conditions so much in favour of the bat at Lord's and the twin agents, yet again, were Shane Warne, their great wrist spinner, and Mark Taylor.

through imaginative captaincy.
That Middlesex were 74 ahead with four wickets standing at the finish was misleading. When Keith Dutch was sixth out at 163, torpedoed by a grubber from Mark Waugh, their lead was only 36 with a possible 17 overs remaining.

Thankfully for their self-esteem. they were saved from further anxiety by Richard Johnson, who belted 27 off 28 balls and, with a

Jason Lewry, the Sussex left-arm pace bowler, has been given the all-clear to play after almost a year out through injury. Lewry, fracture in his lower back in February. He may return against Denmark at Hove next week.

resolute Keith Brown, lifted the score above the point where Taylor thought that the Australians re-

tained any chance of winning.

About 34 hours earlier, Middlesex were apparently playing out a draw without coming under pressure. Then, with the score on 45, Warne was introduced for the sixteenth over.

Australia's declaration at 432 for seven, with Mark Waugh 142 not out, left Middlesex a deficit of 127 runs to clear, but, in the early stages, the ball ran kindly for Weekes and Pooley, the left-handed openers, and Middlesex appeared

to be in little danger.
After Warne's first seven overs from the Nursery End, however, they were 71 for three, his own figures being three for 16. The pitch was true and possessed nothing extra in the way of pace, while, after two innings totalling 214 overs, the rough outside the righthanders' leg stump was no more than could be expected.

googly and flipper suggest that he overs cost him 24.

may not be quite the bowler that he was in 1993, on his first tour of England, but he still has enough variety, not to mention control, to be a match-winner in most conditions. Yesterday was almost a case

The main merit of his second ball to Weekes, which was overpitched, was that it was straight enough for the resultant drive to come back at him for a stinging catch. In his second over, though, Warne produced a stunner to bowl Pooley. Delivered over the wicket into the rough, it turned a foot and bowled him through the gate.

At 50 for two, Gatting made survival his priority, pushing for-ward to Warne whenever the chance offered. Ramprakash, though, was always looking to pull or sweep when appropriate and, at 7), undecided how to treat a leg break pitching middle stump, he edged it to the wicketkeeper.

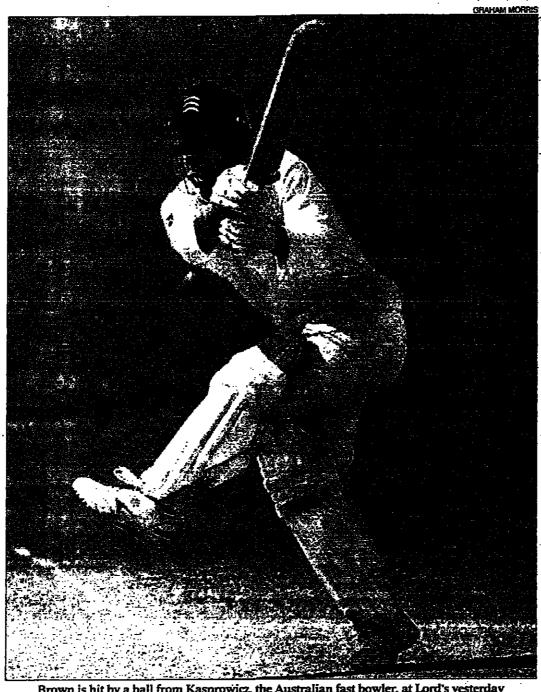
In the next over, Shah was out leg-before off the front foot and Middlesex were 72 for four, but they appeared safe enough again when Gatting - looking to attack after taking 70 minutes over his first 16 runs — helped Brown to see Warne off at 151 for four, by when

his figures were three for 55.

Perhaps Taylor thought that the game was up, perhaps he was foxing — in any case, at 156, he brought on the Waughs, who obliged by taking a wicket in each of their first overs. Three short of his second fifty of the match. Gatting was leg-before, pushing forward to Steve; in the next over, Dutch, on the back foot, had no defence to a ball from Mark that hardly left the ground.

Thanks to Johnson, the Australians made no further progress, but it was a good match for them

overall. They will not be short of confidence at Headingley. When the Australians batted on first thing in the morning, Middlesex did their best to frustrate Mark Waugh and Warne by bowling only 17 overs in 80 minutes to run-saving fields. However, after a tentative 50 minutes against Fraser and Bloomfield with the new ball, they put the time to good use, adding 81 through late assault, particularly on



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Brown is hit by a ball from Kasprowicz, the Australian fast bowler, at Lord's yesterday

Ali proves winning attraction

BY IVO TENNANT

TAUNTON (final day of three): Pakistan A beat Somerset by five

PAKISTAN A achieved their initial first-class victory of their tour of England yesterday, requiring only 45 overs to make the 196 runs they needed to beat Somerset.

Some of their strokeplay was bewitching and there were few instances of indiscipline among their upper and middle-order batsmen. Ali Naqvi, who should play regularly at the highest level in the not-too-distant future, struck a classy 96 at almost a run a ball, failing to reach a deserved century only because of impetuosity that he had not shown thus far this summer. His innings was full of wristy flicks off his legs and drives to the boundary. He had struck 18 wicketkeeper, Javed Qadeer. Shine excellent match.

fours when, attempting another that would have brought up his hundred in style, he rashly drove Macgill, the Australian wrist spinner, to extra cover. It was quite unnecessary, for he was finding the gaps in the field with disdain.

The other innings that bespoke class was played by the captain, Muhammad Wasim, who added 64 in 11 overs with Ali. He did not think much of his dismissal, caught at the wicket off Macgill, but that probably had something to do with a concern that the match was slipping away from the Pakistanis. They were 175 for five at this point. still needing a further 56.

They achieved these runs without further loss through an unbeaten 47, including ten fours, by Rana Qayyum, who was given the neceswas spent by then. He had taken two wickets in the morning, knocking out Mujahid Jamshed's off stump with a beauty that swung away and having Farhan Adi caught driving too uppishly off his legs, but it was a hot day and there was nothing in the pitch for him or Jones, the Bristol rugby full back,

who gained a wicket on his debut by bowling Saleem Elahi. The Pakistanis appreciated the quick outfield. They struck 41 fours yesterday. Macgill is highly regarded in Australia, but he bowled too many loose balls here. He tried bowling round the wicket and did gain one of his two wickets in that manner, but he will not have impressed everybody that he is Mushtag Ahmed's natural successor, should it come to that at the

Resolute Brown personifies players' player

ricketers, by and large, are a decent lot. They work long hours for little money and spend much of their time waiting for the weather to clear or the traffic to shift. Few achieve glory. For many, the occasional mention in The Times or The Daily Telegraph — "Jones batted with commendable vigilance" — represents a significant triumph. It moves they exist. proves they exist.

If you were looking for the qualities that mark out the best type of cricketer — and there are plenty about, no matter what you might read from the planty and the planty and the planty and the planty and the planty are the planty are the planty and the planty are the planty a might read from time to time they would be candour, a strange compound of crabbiness and generosity, gallows humour and, where the press is concerned. considerable tolerance. In this mutually dependent world, the feekless and the self-interested are

Angus Fraser said the other day that when Mark Taylor made his career-prolonging hundred in the first Test at Edgbaston, the Middiesex dressing room broke into applause. That is not so surprising. The Australian captain is a players player, so they were really honouring one of their own.

There are players players in every dressing room, but, unlike Taylor, who has enjoyed a glitter-ing life in Test cricket, they rarely make headlines. Agents don't come running. Sponsors forget their names. At times, they must feel invisible, but they turn up every day without complaint, get on with the job and take pleasure in their own accomplishments.

Keith Brown is one. He is 34 now, has been around since 1984 and has had to scrap for everything he has got. Yet if you look at the championship table, you will note that Middlesex are once again challenging. Their method has always been to play proper cricket, to bowl the other side out twice. That means playing five bowlers and getting their runs from the top six — five batsmen and a wicketkeeper. For the past six years, the stumper has been Brown and he has grown into the job to the point that his bowlers will not hear a word said against him. Brown succeeded Paul Down-

ton behind the stumps full-time in 1992, holding off a challenge from Paul Farbrace, whom Middlesex had recruited from Kent as a possible successor. Brown's runs confirmed his right to a place and he has become the best sort of pro hard-boiled to be sure, yet a good and modest man. "You have to work out what is best for you," he says, matter-of-factly.

He first played in the championuntil 1990, another championship who also serve.

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season, that he became a regular pick. "Paul Downton got injured and they asked me if I would put the gloves on. I had kept before in the seconds and when Downton was away playing for England, but it was quite difficult keeping to bowlers like Emburey and Tufnell. I found more balls beating the bat than I was used to and it took a while to feel comfortable."

With experience came confidence. In his batting, too, he has found a way that works for him and he gives good value at No 6, often making runs when they are most needed. "I can't stroke the ball around like Ramprakash, but I know what is best for me. Normally you find that the wicketkeeper is an unorthodox batsman." To be fair, Brown is not that unorthodox. He gets stuck in, plays to the limit of his ability and doesn't make a gift of his wicket. No captain could want more.

'n his early days, he turned to the likes of Graham Barlow and Clive Radley — "my hero" in a dressing-room where punches have never been pulled and where namby-pambies have found little comfort. Now he finds himself a senior pro, having outlasted all except Mike Gatting.

"I am glad I chose cricket for my career, but it's not all fun and games. There is a lot of hard work and a lot of suffering for your family. Last month, we went to Cardiff, Bristol and Leeds and your family life is affected." #

There are happy days along the way, of course, and Brown can reflect on the three championship trophies that he has helped Middiesex to win - three more than the captain of England is likely to know. As all eyes turn to Headingley and the fourth Test, it is a good time to remember those

→HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In general it is correct to lead low in your partner's suit when you hold three or more cards headed by an honour. I gave an exception a few weeks ago where there was a danger of a blockage. Another exception occurs when the length in the suit is likely to be held by dummy. This is an example, from this year's Spring Foursomes (the main British weekend event).

Dealer East		N	orth-South game	IMPs
	÷109 ▼93 ◆984 ◆09	65 W	N +Q VQJ1075 +102 +AJ1074	
	S	W	N	Ε
•	Pass 3 D 3 NT	Pass Pass All Pas	Dble 3 H	2 H 3 C Pass

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South, Lead: queen of clubs. Purists will shudder at East's hand, and with a mere two weak two, and the classical view is that once you have opened with a pre-empt you should then leave further action up to your partner. However, when Two Hearts went round to North. Brian Senior East) took the opportunity to show his second suit. Just as well, as it led to our side winning the board. Over South's Three Diamonds North should just have bid 3NT. His probe with Three Hearts resulted in 3NT being played the wrong way up. Four Spades is also a sound

North-South contract.)

points opposite a partner who was also weak, could see that something dramatic was required. As any club stopper was likely to be held on my left, I led the queen of clubs. The point of that was I might need to retain the lead for a further attack on dumny's clubs. It resulted in us taking the first five tricks. On this deal the nine of clubs would also have worked, but the queen is better in case declarer

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

held the singleton ten or jack.

I was on lead from the West section on Saturday. 22 Nuc2 **WORD-WATCHING**

By Philip Howard

GRIMPEN a. To climb b. A bog

c. A POW camp WULLEE a. A wraith

b. A saint

c. A seafish

DIKETONE a. Mechanical music pitch b. A Spartan judge c. A carbon compound

CHYLE a. Bilious milk b. The back of a hog c. A mountain ridge

Answers on page 46



CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Najdorf remembered Today I continue my homage to the Polish/Argentine grand-

as Bobby Fischer, Mikhail Tal, Mikhail Botvinnik, Tigran Petrosian and Paul Keres. What Najdorf lacked was

Black: Tigran Petrosian

3 Nt3 g6 Bg7 0-0 6g4 8xt3 7 Nc3 Ng7 c5 Ne6 12 Bg2 25 14 Qc2

master Miguel Najdorf, who died earlier this month at the age of 87. On his day, Najdorf was equal to the best, as witnessed by his wins against such titans of the chessboard

the support of a mighty state machine, which benefited the ranks of Soviet grandmasters he had to face in international competition. Today's game shows what Najdorf could achieve when he was inspired. White: Miguel Najdorf

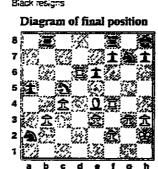
Zurich 1953

King's Indian Defence 19 Be1 ICh8 Clc8 20 Na4 21 Bc3 Bxc3

BY RAYMOND KEENE

Nb4 Ng7 Nt5 30 Na4 31 Be4 Rbb8

> 35 Nrca Black resigns



Mind Sports Olympiad

The first Mind Sports Olympiad, featuring over 30 different thinking sports will take place at the Festival Hall, Londdon, from August 18 to 24. The chess section offers £10,000 in prizes and entrants include Britain's top ranked player Michael Adams as well as Manhew Sadler and Julian Hodgson. The most recent entries include grandmasters James Plaskett and Bogdan Lalic. Entry details on 0171-485 9146 or access website:

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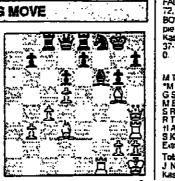
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

Dy Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Portisch -Reshevsky, Petropolis 1973. White has a powerful build-up on the kingside and Black has no counterplay whatsoever. How did White blast his way

through? Solution on page 46



Law makes best of exile in Essex Barney Spender on a talented Australian

Tor Stuart Law, this summer is a tantalising mix of pleasure and pain. On one hand, he is enjoying another profitable campaign with Essex; on the other, the proximity of the Australia touring team is a constant reminder that he might easily have been playing against

England. Unfortunately for Law, he was not selected for the party and has had to watch a string of failures by Michael Bevan and wonder. "It's a sign of Australia's strength I suppose that we have got about 14 guys who could step in," he said. "Look at Darren Berry. He came over here to see a mate and now he's in the squad. Nice holiday. I was more disappointed than surprised at being left out. I suppose I'm getting used to being a make-shift player."

The strength in depth of Australian cricket has restricted Law to a single Test, where he made an undefeated halfcentury against Sri Lanka. Otherwise, his performances on the international stage have been limited to one-day

"It's always great to repre-

Tetley's Challenge Series

Middlesex v Australians

LORD'S (final day of three): Middlese drew with the Australians

MIDDLESEX: First tenings 325 (M W Gatting 85, M R Ramprakesh 76, G D McGrath 4 for 61)

Second Innings

Second Invings
P N Weekes c and b Warne
J C Pooley b Warne
M R Rampralassh c Hearly b Warne
M W Galting the b S R Waugh
O A Shah law b Kasprovicz

Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 2)

BOWLING McGrath 11-3-37-8, Gifes-pie 13-6-32-0: Warne 16-4-55-3; Kasprowicz 6-1-10-1, M. E. Waugh 7-1-37-1, S. R. Waugh 5-2-13-1, Effort 1-0-8-

AUSTRALIANS, Fort Innings

P Durch b M E Waugh

ing for a player who has performed consistently for Queensland over the past five years and captained them to their first Sheffield Shield triumph. In spite of his rejection, be remains in touch with the touring team. He visited them on the washed-out first day of the Lord's Test and sees the destiny of the Ashes as being all but decided. "I was as sick as any Aussie can be when England won the one-dayers 3-0 and then the

game," he said.

YESTERDAYS SCOREBOARDS

tail reflecting three influences
- Greg Chappell, Martin

first Test, but it's going to be a real uphill battle for them now. Probably the only way they can win is to get the Aussies down to the pub the evening before each day's play and keep them there." Law the batsman can be a combination of artist, technician and bully, a heady cock-

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-154, 3-168, 4-271, 5-299, 6-341, 7-432.

BOWLING: Fraser 29-6-115-0; Bloom-teld 17-1-57-1; Johnson 17-2-63-1; Tulnell 38-8-106-2; Dutch 15-3-79-3

Umpros: A A Jones and A G. T Whitehead

Somerset v Pakistan A

TAUNTON (final day of three!) Palestan A-bout Sonterset by the wickets SOMERSET: Piet Innings 213 (S. C. Ecclestone 102)

Second Innings 244 (M N Lathwell 60)

PAKISTAN A. First innings 227 (Saleem Earl 70, Mujahid Jamshad 59, K J Shine

Second irrnings

Farhan Adil c Lathwell b Shine 9

Mohammad Washin c Sulton b Macgill 40

Rana Cayyum not out 47

Llaved Cedeer not out 13

Extras (ib 2, w 1, rip 4) 7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-72, 3-100, 4-164, 5-175

164, 5-175 SCHLING: Shine 20-5-57-2; Kert 8-1-46-0; Macgill 19-3-74-2; Jones 3-1-18-1, Parsons 4-0-23-0; Bowler 0,5-0-11-0.

Umpres: J C Balderstone and P Adams

Ai Naqvi c Jones b Macgli Saleom Elain b Jones Mujohid Jamshed b Shine Faman Adii c Lathwell b Shine

Total (5 wkts)

Tour match

feeling left out of the touring team's set-up to have been labelled a one-Crowe and Vivian Richards. "I day specialist, which is pretty like to dominate, to attack

irritating because I reckon I from ball one. It's the Aussie way, but they are positive at Essex, too, which has made it have a lot to offer in the longer It must be especially irritateasier for me." Law made a considerable impression in his first year

with the county last season. As a replacement for Mark Waugh, he made five championship centuries and helped Essex to the final of the NatWest Trophy, although he missed their humiliating de-

Law: overlooked

feat in the final after his callup to the Australia side for a

one-day series in Sri Lanka. This season, he has taken hundreds off Durham and Derbyshire, but a recent newspaper article suggesting that Waugh would be back at Chelmsford next season has given him cause for concern.

"That's obviously up to the club," he said. "I replaced Mark and I don't think I have let anyone down. Maybe the journalist was just trying to brew up a storm in a teacup, but it certainly got me think-ing. But my mind has been put at rest after chatting with Keith Fletcher [the coach] and Paul Prichard [the captain] through the last week and, so far as I'm concerned. I'm happy about where I'll be playing cricket next season." If Essex did turn to Waugh

again, a number of county secretaries would certainly be inquiring after his services. "I am a professional cricketer. I've got to play cricket and if it's not for my country then I have to sort myself out elsewhere. If another county wanted my services, then obviously I would have to consider it but I would find it hard to leave Essex."

C'men you blues ITF starts July 28th.

Balance of power tilts towards **United States**

IT WOULD be stretching a point to say that the Open Championship that ended at Royal Troon on Sunday evening was one that will live on in the memory, worthy of comparison with Royal St George's in 1993 and St Andrews two years later. There was too much bad play on the last afternoon and perhaps the burden of expectation on so many of the game's best players was too cumbersome.

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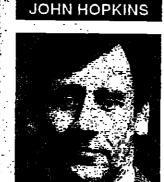
With so many of them seemingly at their best on the eve of the championship, the 126th Open could have been memorable with three, four or five of the leading names going hammer and tongs at one another on Sunday afternoon, as happened in the US Open a month earlier.

It turned out very differently. It was almost as if Tom Lehman, the defending champion, who had won so well at Loch Lomond the week before, Ernie Els, the victor in the US Open, and Colin Montgomerie, who had played so well for two months up to the Open, had all peaked too soon. At Troon. Greg Norman and Montgomerie, in particular, were shadows of the men they had been in previous weeks.

Only one man of the leading 18 after 54 holes managed a fourth round below 70. It was fitting that he was the winner, Justin Leonard, and that he did it spectacularly with a round that was six under par. His 65, underpinned by a

breathtaking display of putting, was a score that suggested that he went out and grabbed hold of the old claret jug as champions are supposed to do, yet many of those against whom he was competing were disappointing as the championship reached its conclusion. In the last round, Darren Clarke, Fred Couples, Jesper Parnevik, Tiger Woods, Peter Lonard, : Tom Watson, Curtis Strange and Greg Norman all either or exceeded their previous worst score in the

championship. The Open provided further confirmation that the balance of power in world golf is tilting



the dangers of a carefully designed, 126-yard par three

hole can be every bit as great as those of a back-breaking

220-yard monster. As it has in

Troon, the Postage Stamp

ensnared its share of competi-tors. Significantly, Leonard

aimed for the heart of the

green, took two putts and

walked off with a three in

each of his four rounds. Sig-

nificantly, Woods did not, his six at this little fiend of a hole on the last day, when it was not particularly difficult, marked the end of his chall-

enge in the event.
"He'll learn," Michael

Bonallack, the secretary of the

Royal and Ancient golf club said of Woods. "He is a

magnificent golfer, but he tried to attack the course on

the front nine holes in the first

round and got into all sorts of

Patience is a virtue with

which Woods is not yet famil-

iar. It is hard for young men

with prodigious talent to be

cautious because, at that age,

they have not learnt that there

are some things unattainable

the 11th hole of the 1962 Open

at Troon, his first Open, when

he was 22. He took a ten then

and finished 34th. Woods's six

at the Postage Stamp on Sunday should be forever

stamped in his memory. That

and the seven at the 11th in the

first round and the eight at the

10th in the second round were

the holes that cost him dearly.

won the silver medal awarded

to the leading amateur, experi-

enced some post-Open mania

when he returned home on

Sunday night, Howard found

the wave of congratulatory

telephone calls was becoming

unmanageable and unstoppa-

ble. The only thing he could

outside Glasgow yesterday

morning, he found that a copy

of the silver medal had been

pinned up in the office and any

intentions he might have had

found the same thing happen-

ing to him the moment he

reached home in Dallas after

an early flight from Scotland.

Leonard, who has been a professional since 1994.

showed maturity and compo-

sure in victory and looks as

though he has been booted

and spurred for fame. Now,

his world has been turned

upside down. How well he

copes with it will reveal

whether or not he will become

a great champion.

Barclay Howard, 44, who

Jack Nicklaus found this on

even for them.

Golf Correspondent

The emergence of Woods, the 21-year-old Masters champion, has given the game in the United States an unrivalled boost and the arrival of Leonard, 25, means that, in the past three months, the United States has produced two new winners of major championships who are under 30. As the US PGA Championship is, more often than not, won by Americans, it is likely that the fourth major of the year, which is at Winged Foot Golf Club in New York next month, will confirm this trend.

Justin Leonard has jumped six places to No 13 in the world rankings after his victory at Royal Troon. Tiger Woods remains top, ahead of Greg Norman, Ernie Els and Colin Montgomerie. Nick Faldo has dropped to No 14. his lowest for ten years.

Leonard's victory has also given the American Ryder Cup team a lift. He has jumped from tenth to third in the United States rankings. from the fringes to a certain place, and his presence in what otherwise looks like a competitively gauche team means a competitive experience, a level of skill and, most of all, a putting prowess that was not there before. No wonder Tom Kite, the United States captain, was so pleased towards the United States. to see Leonard win.



Montgomerie: forlorn



Crack shots make impression at Bisley



COMPETITORS had their sights set firmly on The Times Challenge Cup during a day of highquality rifle shooting at Bisley yesterday. Dr Glyn Barnett, above, from Norfolk, one of 1,225 entrants shooting in perfect summer conditions. missed out on the trophy, but he lies in second

place in the Bisley grand aggregate, the overall

Of the 159 contenders for The Times trophy who hit the 312 in diameter bull's eye every time. eight fired all ten shots into the 14 in diameter Vring and will compete in a tie-break today. They

include Andy Chown, of Lloyds Bank RC. who will captain the Great Britain team to defend the world long-range championship in South Africa in 1999, and David Dodds, from Rand Rifle Club, a member of the South Africa world championship team.

BOXING

Golota likely

to be next

test for Lewis

ANDREW GOLOTA is being

lined up as the next opponent

for Lennox Lewis, the World

Boxing Council heavyweight champion (Srikumar Sen writes). If the bout is finalised — and with both boxers sharing

the same promoters it is almost

certain to be - it will take place

Golota was one of the chosen

opponents of HBO, the Ameri-

can cable television company

that backs Lewis. The com-

pany knew that after the farce

of Lewis's bout with Henry

Akinwande nine days ago, they

could be certain of a decent

The challenger, who is a New

Jersey-based Polish immigrant,

is the roughest heavyweight in

disqualified three times - once

for biting Samson Pouha and

twice for hitting Riddick Bowe

contest with Golota.

in Atlantic City on October 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE: ST HELENS REFLECT IMPROVED EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES

Cunningham adds to portfolio

Cronulia Sharks St Helens..... 12

By Christopher Irvine

A MONTH ago, St Helens Yet that was only the half of it. When he reported for work suffered a 40-point hammering by Cronulla at Knowsley the John Letters factory Road that was typical of many handed out by the Australians in the world club championship. St Helens were considerably better in the rematch at of putting in a good day's work Shark Park yesterday, reflectdisappeared beneath yet ing the general improvement in British performances in the another barrage of congratucompetition. No doubt Leonard will have

Victories by Leeds Rhinos and Oldham Bears may have been quickly overtaken by defeats in the second phase of the competition, but not all those losses have been as crushingly one-sided as in the first phase and several Australian outfits have been stretched. Although Cronulia were deserved victors, the scoreline scarcely did justice to their spirited opponents.

It helped that St Helens were nearer to full strength and that Cronulla were missthe first encounter. The Britons' defence was still threadbare at times and the Sharks gleèfully fed off errors, but St Helens had the day's outstanding player in Keiron Cunningham, while Bobbie Goulding's accurate kicking pinned Cronulla back for long stretches.

Cunningham, the Great Britain hooker, scored a fine



period and was only just prevented from adding another. He was a constant thorn in Cronulla's side from acting half back and certainly did his ambition to play in Australia no harm at all. Without Peachey, Rogers

and Barnett, who helped to rout St Helens in the first game, Cronulla were nowhere near as convincing. However,

their back line was never properly tethered and, as hard as St Helens worked to plug one hole, another would usually open up. At the back of the defence. Haigh was successfully pinpointed as a weak link in three of their five touchdowns

The try by Newlove, in the 69th minute, after neat footwork and a nippy break - for a big forward - by Joynt, was part of a good, sustained finish by St Helens, which was only spoilt in added time by Ettingshausen's second try.

Yet excellent build-up play by St Helens was not always matched by the final pass and twice in the first half they paid

another member of the com-

mission, are travelling to Aus-

tralasia this week and will

examine the rugby union set-

up in New Zealand, paying

particular attention to the

Super I2 champions, Auck-

land Blues. They will also visit

various sporting organ-isations in Australia, includ-

ing the Canberra Institute of

Lydon will liaise with the international fixture planning

committee to draw up a frame-

work for future tours. in

addition to finalising plans for

peared to be a defendable situation. Bell escaped the clutches of Haigh and Hammond, cut inside and drove over Goulding. Haigh was again busy trying to put out one fire when another broke out, this time as Dykes kicked through a gap and touched down.

When three-against-one ap-

A penalty goal by Goulding reduced the arrears after halftime, but Donaghy found a yawning gap on the right for the next Cronulla try. When Haigh failed to regather a high kick by Green, the try by Ettingshausen off the resultant scrum was almost in-

SCORERS: Cronulla: Tries: Etingchausch.
121. Bell Dykes: Donaghy Goals: Green
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CRONULLA SHARKS: B Semmut, G Bell, A
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leteree: G Ammersley

below the belt. ☐ Spencer Oliver is to defend his European super-bantamweight title against Michael Brodie later this year.

Lydon urges curb on imports Edwards allays fitness fears

IONATHAN EDWARDS yes-terday dismissed doubts that he will be fit enough to compete at the world athletics championships in Athens next month. A heel injury forced the triple jump world record-holder to miss two international meetings and the British trials for

Athens nine days ago. Edwards, who will compete in Budapest on Saturday in the last meeting before the world championships, said: "The injury is not causing me any major problem. My training has been going very well. but, as a precautionary meaIN BRIEF

sure, I missed a couple of

Swimming: Great Britain have added five names to the team for the European championships in Seville next month after the ASA national championships. They are lan Wilson, of City of Leeds, in the 1,500 metres freestyle, and four relay additions: Mark Stevens, of Newcastle Staffordshire, Glenn Hudson, of Portsmouth Northsea, Janine

Belton, of City of Bradford, and Linda Hindmarsh, of City of Leeds.

Rugby union: Neath yesterday completed their fourth overseas signing of the summer with the capture of John Hart, the Australian forward. He follows Tomasi Tamanivalu, of Fiji, and Thierry Devergie and Fabrice Landreau, of France, to the club.

☐ Lacrosse: England beat Wales 18-5 in the European championships in Stockholm

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FIXTURES

Tour match 11.0, 50 overs CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Pakistan A

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day

of four): Chester-le-Street: Durham Notinghamshire; Portypridd: Glamor gan v Hampshire AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Canter-bury: Kent v Sussex; Uxbridge CC: Middlesex v Manor Countles, Bedford

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Brockhampton: Heratordshire'v Cheshire

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inci-off 7 30 unless stated PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Carleie United v Motherwell (7.45), Gillogham v Queens Park Rangers (7.45); Roth-erham United v Barnsley (7.45); Scun-thorpe United v Leicester City, West Brontwich Alborn v Chelsae; Stoke City, Eventon. Colchester United v Botton Wanderers (7.45); Berwick Rangers v York City; Stranseer v St Mirran.

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Elite Leegue: Bradicid v Wolverhampton (7.30). Amateur Leegue: SI Austell v Berwick (7.30). TENNIS: Northern Electric International Open (in Jesmond); European under-16 championships (in Hatheld), county championships (in Eastbourne).

By Our Sports Staff

JOE LYDON, the Rugby Football League technical director, yesterday called for a significant reduction in the number of overseas players in the English game. Lydon is heading a seven-man commission charged with examining all aspects of the domestic scene in the wake of heavy defeats quota on these lines would suffered against Australasian clubs in the world club championship.

Lydon wants the overseas quota for Super League clubs cut from six to four from next season and reduced still further to three by 1999. He also recommends that clubs outside the top flight should be denied the use of overseas players altogether two years from now.

There are about 200 overseas players making a living in the English game and another influx is anticipated when the rival leagues in Australia come together, probably in time for next season. Lydon's principal argument is that the mercenaries are not only taking places that should be filled by emerging British talent, but are also a drain on limited resources. "A reduction in the overseas

enable clubs to manage their finances better, but, more importantly, it would encourage the development of junior talent in this country." Lydon said. "We are looking at numerous issues, but this is a subject that recurs so many times. Along with salary capping, we see the overseas quota as the key priority and we'll be making our recommendation as a matter of urgency to the next meeting of the Rugby League Council."

Lydon and Neil Tunnicliffe,

the forthcoming Australia tour to England and the 1998

World Cup.

The former Wigan general manager will also watch British clubs in action in the last two rounds of the world club championship as he prepares a shortlist for the Great Britain coaching appointment.

BOWLS

Brown inspires Scotland triumph

British Isles women's under-25 team championship at Portrush yesterday when they added a convincing victory over Wales to wins against England and Ireland (David Rhys Jones writes).

The Scots, who lose three of their skips next year, will find it difficult to replace the experience of Fiona Sykes, Heather Rankin and Kirsteen Reilly. Fortunately for them, Brown, from Anne Crooksmoss, will be available

for one more series. An inspirational skip, she steered her quartet to wins of five, seven and 15 shots this year and has lost only one of her past 18

It was a typically aggressive trail from Brown that conjured up a last-end six against Sam Smith yesterday to give her rink a 21-16 victory and boost the overall winning margin for Scotland to 86-64. As expected, England, the defending champions, comfortably dispatched Ireland,

matches at this level.

been done earlier, when they had succumbed 90-66 to Scot-The junior singles final was won for Wales by Paula

Summerfield, from Llandrindod Wells. Amy Gowshall, 18, from Grimsby, had clawed back bravely, showing character and skill, until she stood within four shots of victory before Summerfield placed her second bowl beside the iack on the 25th end to secure

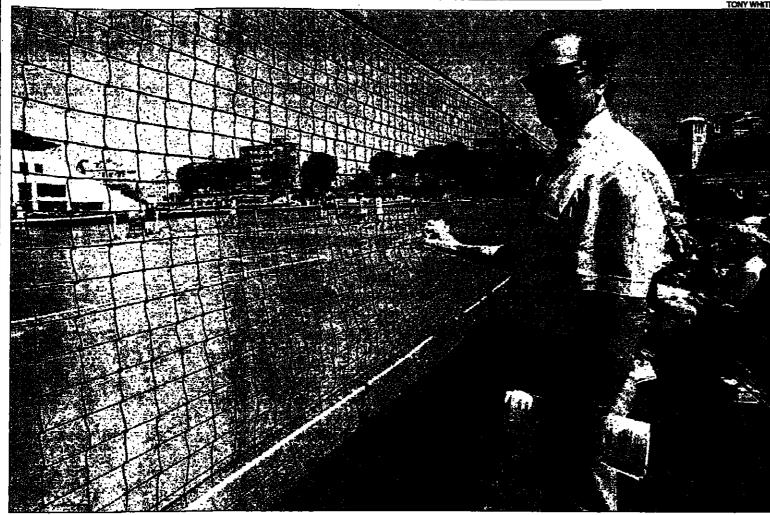
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TEAMtalk





James keeps a close eye on a match involving Loosemore and his beloved South Wales on the opening day of county week at Eastbourne

Real value in survival of the week

nowned as the pre-Wimbledon roost for the leading ladies in the world, it conjures vastly different images for the stalwarts of county tennis. Despite audible obscenities, cries of anguish and a plethora of foot faults, the game was played yesterday much as it has been for more than 100 years. The Lawn Tennis Association Inter-County Cup Grass Court Championships - otherwise known as county week - is the highlight of the year for many true enthusiasts.

The absence of umpires, line-judges, ball-boys and any other trappings from the professional circuit means that the players play for nothing more than love. Disputes are minimal and quickly resolved - affording veterans the chance to advertise their experience to novice partners. "Welcome to county week," one said to a youngster momentarily affronted by a shocking call.

Of course, it is not all fun and games. Chris Wilkinson.

retained No 18 place in the ATP Tour

rankings that were issued vesterday.

four places below his highest rank-

ing, with which he began the year. Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, is

back to No 24, his previous best

position, after slipping one place last

week. Neither man is in action this

Pete Sampras retains the No I spot

ain Davis Cup team that was victorious recently against Ukraine, is a loyal supporter of county week. The British No 4 comprises a strong entry from Hampshire and Isle Of Wight. He is here to "relax from the travelling, see old friends and have a few beers".

Wilkinson is also playing beautifully in tandem with his partner. Laurence Matthews. Matthews himself is over from Germany, where, like so many others in action this week, he works as a coach. Nick Weal, the British No 10, is also representing Hampshire and Isle Of Wight, who are favoured to triumph for the first time. Indeed, there are a fair few

baptisms taking place this week. The women of South Wales are playing at Eastbourne for the first time after winning promotion to group one last year. Eastbourne is one of 13 venues hosting this nationwide event and, while the Channel Islands, South of Scotland and the Isle Of Man dispute the wooden spoon in

TIM HENMAN, the British No I. ahead of Michael Chang, the winner a good start on hard courts. This was

of the Washington Classic on Sun-

day. Chang took the Washington title

for the second consecutive year.

beating Petr Korda, of the Czech

This is a real good confidence-builder for me with the US Open just

around the corner." Chang said. "In the past couple of months, I have

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At County Tennis Week

group seven at Cambridge, Eastbourne is where the County Cup is won and lost.

That explains the sense of pride that radiates from John James, the secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association. and is as entrenched in the soil of south Wales as one half of the Severn Bridge. James also has a deep affec-

Henman and Rusedski retain their lotty status

tion for county week, having joined the LTA in 1973 with responsibilities towards the competition.

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I have been waiting for this day for 25 years," James, formerly resident in Llanelli, said yesterday. "I once captained South Wales juniors." for a year, but this is really something."
Throughout the week.

James, 60, will journey to County Cup venues at Purley (today), Cheltenham (tomorrow) and Beckenham (Thursday). It may be more than coincidence that James will be back at Eastbourne for the conclusion of the event on Friday. He was thrilled that South Wales started on a winning note yesterday, defeating Leicestershire by five rubbers to four.

Three of those five victories were gained by Julie Simkins and Sarah Loosemore, the latter of whom was Britain's youngest national champion in 1988. Loosemore quit the circuit five years ago to further her education, graduating from St Hilda's, Oxford. with a degree in psychology before studying law. Now in her second year as a trainee solicitor in London, she is still intrigued by how she might have fared had she continued

playing full-time.
"I don't think I fulfilled my potential at tennis," Loose-more, 26, said. "At various times, I am tempted to return, but I think I'd need a push. Sometimes I think I should have gone to university later. but I made my decision. It is funny what becomes important when you stop and this week is probably the highlight of my year.'

Competitive it may be. although vignettes never witnessed in the professional game are what make this week unique. When a thoroughly bemused Greg Whitecross, representing Buckinghamshire, took a fearful pasting from Wilkinson and his partner, he did what all beholden to his habit would do after a similar experience. He simply lay down by the side of the court and smoked

Kournikova, 16, from Russia, threw but she made a lot of errors. She tried been struggling, it's great to get off to away a winning chance against too many risky shots."

a cigarette.

with a 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 victory.

Chandra Rubin, of the United States,

in the A & P Women's Classic. Rubin

won the third-set tie-break with the

help of a double fault, winding up

after being down in every set." Rubin said. "I played more aggressively in

the final two sets and hung in there.

"It was good to still be in the match

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a good stepping stone for me last year

and I hope it will be again this year."

winning streak for Chang that ended

with defeat by Sampras in the final of

the US Open. "This time I'm hoping to go one better." Chang said.

In Mahwah, New Jersey, Anna

Victory in 1996 began a 14-match

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44 GRIMPEN

(b) A bog or marshy area. Conan Doyle, The Hound of the Baskervilles, 1902: "Life has become like that great Grimpen Mire, with little green patches everywhere into which one may sink, and with no guide to point the track." T. S. Eliot, East Coker. 1940: "In a dark wood in a bramble, on the edge of a Grimpen where it may reproduce the bedden the control of the standard of the sta Grimpen where is no secure foothold." Baring Gould, 1968: "As is well known. Watson's Great Grimpen Mire is Grimspound Bog to the North and West of Widecombe on the Moor." WULLEE

(a) A Muslim saint. T. Hoare: "Hafeez: holy but in a less degree an a Wullee or saint." J. B. Fraser, Travels, 1840: "He had on his head a magnificent turban of cashmere shawl, somewhat inconsistent in a dervish, but saints and wullees are now-a-days privileged people. These Faqirs who attain to great sanctity are DIKETONE

(a) Any compound in which there are two carbonyl groups -Oand attached to two carbon atoms. Nature. 1946: "The glycol from butaldehyde gives mostly a keto-alcohol: further oxidation to the diketone being much more difficult. Butane 2-3 dione is the simplest a-diketone."

CHYLE (b) White milky fluid formed by the action of the pancreatic juice and the bile on the chyme, and contained in the lymphatics of the intestines which are hence called lacteals. "There can never of crude chyle be made good bloud in the liver." Transferred: "Digested and assimilated, so to speak, into the chyle of the mind."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Tales of the riverbank

BBC1, 8.00pm

The otter may be, as Sir David Attenborough's commentary claims, our most beloved mammal but many of us will never see one. The programme explains why the otter, once so common that it was hunted as vermin, is now so rare. One of the reasons is man-made, the widespread use of toxic pesticides which killed so much wildlife in streams and rivers. Pesticides are no longer employed, yet still there are many areas of Britain which are otter-free. Years of research by a biologist, Hans Krunk, has suggested some of the answers. Central to the otter's existence is catching enough fish to the otter's existence is catching enough fish to eat. This can mean long and exhausting journeys. But an otter's life is a short one, and its reproduction rate is low. Perhaps, as Krunk says, it is a wonder the otter has survived at all.

Home Ground: Slim Chance BBC2, 7:30pm

The latest regional documentary to be given national exposure features Sandra Williams from Barnstaple. Ever since she was a child she has been fat. Now, touching 50, she weighs in at nearly 21 stone, and has been told that her health is at risk. Il stone, and has been told that her health is at risk. She goes on a medically supervised diet, where her meals consist of a sachet of powder mixed with water. Most such films end with the subject triumphantly displaying his or her new slim figure. Not this one. To begin with all goes well and the pounds come off. But estrangement from her daughter sparks an emotional breakdown and a return to the bingeing that caused the obesity. A medical expert warns of the severe dangers of being overweight but the Sandra Williams case demonstrates that the remedy is easier prescribed than followed.

Tool Stories Channel 4, 8.00pm

The DIY series will continue to disappoint anybody hoping to pick up tips. The stories are the thing and the tools, and what to do with them, come a definite second. Which leaves George Herbert, the cheery south London builder who hosts the series, with little to do. Admittedly he is

Prison Britain Radio 4, 7,20 om No preview tape was available of the first of the former Strangeways governor Brendan O'Friel's three programmes about the prison service. My

guess is that it will take no more than a cursory glance at recent headlines to find ample clues about what we will bearing tonight and on the following two Tuesdays. O'Friel, who has just retired, has described his brief as an examination of penal policies from the mid-1960s, when he joined the prison service, to the present day. On paper, he and producer Kathleen Carragher have mustered an impressive company of experts to reinforce or challenge his views on what the penal priorities should be in the immediate and long-

RADIO 1

7.00em Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow from Morecambe 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mary Arma Hobbs 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Everling Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Claire Sturgess 1.00em, Charlie Jordan 4.00 Citve Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up To Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Kata Adie 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Carl Davis Classics 8.00 Nigel

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday News 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.06 News Extra 7.30 Any Sporting Questions? With Pat Murphy and Fran Cotton at Knowsley Road on Merseyside 9.00 Strike Out 9.30 The 21st Century and How to Survive It 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra with Valente Sanderson 12.00 After Hours 2.00em Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy War 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorreine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 10.00 James Whele 1.00am Mike Dicken

The otter fights for survival (BBCI, 8pm)

called in to advise Nicole and Peter, the couple from Cumbria we met last week, on how to plaster a ceiling. But this hardly adds up to a tutorial for the rest of us. Meanwhile Hayley and Stephen, the soon-to-be-weds, are laying another floor. Progress is fitted and tenners fray and surprisingly, there is soon-to-be-weds, are laying anomer more. Frogress is fitful and tempers fray and, surprisingly, there is no George Herbert to help them out. The other featured couple, Donald and Paula from south London, have taken over a 100-year-old house in much need of repair. Their first task is to replace an awesomely large living room window.

True Stories: Lone Star Hate

Channel 4, 9.00pm

In 1933 a young man called Nicholas West was abducted, fortured and shot to death in the small Texas town of Tyler. West was killed because he was a homosexual and Paul Yule's documentary was a homosecual and Paul Yule's occurrentary explores the wider significance of the incident in an area where gay bashing is commonplace, the religious right preaches that gays are contrary to the Bible's teachings and, as one of West's killers says, using a gun is no different from making a cake". In view of all this it comes as a surprise to discover that two of the three men involved in the murder have been sentenced to death. Even against such unpromising odds, it seems, justice has managed to prevail. Yule talks to the two men in prison, follows the trial of the third man and builds up a detailed and appalling picture of hatred, bigotry and casual violence.

Peter Waymark

Just the Part Radio 4, 2.30pm

When you've sung Mozarr's Don Giovanni 235 times in 15 different productions, you've earned the right to be listened to with respect when asked right to be listened to with respect when asked what you have learnt about the great seducer. And, sure enough, the Times opera critic, Rodney Milnes extends this courtesy to the celebrated baritone Thomas Allen. Not that Milnes doesn't ask some searching questions. You can't offer soundbites when asked, for example, "But who is Don Giovanni?", or "How much of a death wish does he have?" The bonus for us, the listeners, is that not only do we see Mozart's monstrous that not only do we see Mozart's monstrous exploiter of women in a new light but we are also able to hear Allen in some light-shedding extracts from the opera itself.

Peter Davalle

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.90em Newshour 6.30 Europe 7.15 The World Today 7.30 India: A People Partitioned 8.15 Off the Stiell 8.30 What's News 9.45 The Lab 9.00 News in German 9.10 Pause-for Thought 9.15 Earth, Ar., Fire And Water 9.30 Everywoman 10.00 Eusiness 10.15 The World of Television 10.30 Uterature File 10.45 Sport 11.30 On Scheen 12.30pm India: A People Partitioned 1.90 News in German 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Mutantack 4.05 Sport 4.15 Earth, Ar., Fire And Water 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.35 The World Today 6.30 News in German 8.45 Sport 7.30 One Pienet 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Peuss for Thought 8.30 Megambs 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.45 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Live 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Megambs 1.30 The Farming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Discovery 3.30 Meridian Live 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe All times in BST. News on the hour, 6.90am Newshour 6.30

CLASSIC FM

4.00cm Mark Griffiths 6.00 Alan Marrn 8.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jennie Ctick 7.00 Newsright 7.30 Scriste Rubinstain (Cello Sorda No 1 in D major, Opus 18) 8.00 Evening Concert. Verdi (Overture, Nabucco; Sacred Dances and Final Duet from Alda, arr Liszi); Montevend (Madrigal, The Lament of Arianna); Boccherini (Clumtet for 2 Violins, Viola, 2 Cellos, Op 13/5) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00cm Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00mm Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Richard Porter

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes
Hidegard of Bingen (Columba Aspendi): Mozart
(Piano Ouartet in E flat, K493); Strause
(Verführung, Op 33 No 1); Gershwin (An American
in Paris): Khachaturian (Sabre Dance, Gayarieh);
Bach (Concerto in C for Two Harpsichords,
BWV1062)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore.
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Mussorigsky (A Night on a Bere Mountain); Ravel (Don Outchotte à Dulcinee); Rachmaninov (Plano Concerlo No 2 in C minor)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nicola Heywood Thomas. Rossini (Overture: William Tell) Beethoven (Plano Sonata in G, Op 31, No 1); Berlioz (La Captive); Bax (Symphony No 5); Sarrz (Canarios); Braihms (Komm Herbei, Tod); Grieg (Plano Concerto in A minor)

12.00 Proms Composer of the Weelt John Adams 1.00pm News; Summer Ensemble. Graham Scott, piano. Mozast (Plano Sonata in E flat, K282); Schoenberg (Three Places, Op 11). Debussy (La Terrasse des Audiences, Ondine; General Levine — Eccentric, Pretudes, Book 2). Liszt (Variations on a Thems of Bach, Weinen Klagen) (r)

2.00 BBC Proms 97. Last Saturdey's concert teaturing the Orchestra of the Age of Entlightenment (r)

3.55 Fibonacci Sequence. In the first of lour concerts, the Flooracci Sequence, under Kathron Sturrock, performs 20th-centrary chamber music includes Takemists (And Then I Knew Twas Wind); Johet (Serenade for Wind Cluistet); Holloway (Serenade for Carinet, Bassoon, Hom and String Quartet).

5.00 Music Machiline. Sir Peter Maxwell-Devies explains how he uses numbers in compositions. Plus Verity Sharp discovers how a variety of missic makers have used mathematical patterns in their

works

5.15 In Tune. Humphrey Carpenter's guest is Gavin Henderson, the artistic director of the Dartington Internetional Summer School. Includes Stoelius (Overture in E); Budehude (Hen, Wenn Ich nur Dich Hab); Liszt (Festkänge)

7.30 BBC Prome 97: Steven Issenis, cello, and the 98C National Ordrestra of Wales, under Tadiaeki Ctalca. Mendelssohn (Overture: Ruy Blas); Elgar (Cello Concerto in Eminor) 8.15 Bruckner Remembered. Stephen Johnson Investigates the man behind the music, with recollections by Bruckner's triends and students (f) 8.35 Concert, part two. Bruckner (Symphony No 9 in D minor) 9.55 The Reith Lectures: The Pantomime of Race, by Professor Particla J. Williams (2/5) (f) 10.25 Debussey at Dusak. Performed by Arturo Benedetti Michelanged, piano, Dawn Upshew, soprano, and James Levine, piano (2/4)

10:45 Alexandríaa. A repeat of John Theocharts's Sony Award-winning visit to the city of his birth (f) 11.30 Prome Composer of the Weelc Beethoven (f) 12.30am Jazz Notes. Features the John Critchinson-Art Themen Quartet at the Appleby Jazz Festival 1.00 Schubert Old and New: North German Radio Symphony Orchestra, under Gunther Wand performs Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished); Frankfult Radio Orchestra, under Anton Webern performs Schubert, arr Webern (Six German Cances); North German Radio Symphony Orchestra, under Gunther Wand performs Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great) 2.35 Les Chartres de la Chapelle, under Marcel Pérès With Jean-Charles Abilizer, organ. Includes music by Couperin and André Raison

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Edward Stourton. Telephone 0171-580 4444 with your questions for the guest of the day.

citel Ansiey Harriott takes a tour of Glasgow and discovers a new wave of enthusiasm for traditions Scotlish food 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray take to the journalist Hala Jaber about her experiences with the Hartralish

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11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts

12.00 Mews; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Alice Beer

12.25part Wordly Wise. Panethsts Joe Melia, Kevin Greening. Brian Sewell and Kay Stonham discuss word origers from steing to Shakespeare in the first of a new series 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shapping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Cold Call, by Collin Johnson. A hard-up would-be novelest tries to make money selling advertising space. With Alistair McGowan, Deborah Findlay, David Verrey and Alice Anold

2.30 Just the Part, with Times critic Richney Minies.

2.30 Just the Part, with Times critic Rodney Mikries. See Choice (2/6)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Sara Parker. Three sets of friends talk about the nature of their various.

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads a new biography of the jazz musician Louis

Amstrong and reviews Cold Mountain by Charles
Frazier, a first novel that is a bestseller in America
4.45 Short Story: The Body, by Rachel Benthem:
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6.30 Wonderland Girls. The first of Marianne Carey's four-part comedy set in the world of life assurance. With Frons Belt, Wendy Seager and Tom Smith (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Prison Britain. See Choice (1/3)

8.00 Seience Now. A look at the latest scientific discoveries and developments with Peter Evans (r)

8.30 in Living Colorur. Black and Asian perspectives on issues in the UK. With Trevor Philips (3/6)

9.00 in Touch. Peter White with news and features for visually Impaired people

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10.01 The World Tomight, with isabel Hitton

10.45 Book at Beditime Capitain Corelli's Mandarin. Louis de Bernlares's epic tale, abridged by Alson Joseph and read by Robert Powell (12/15)

11.00 Meditumwishe. A roundup of the week's media events with Vincent Herna (r)

11.30 A History of Britain in Six Menus (FM). Lesie Forbes taxes to the past in search of good food and finds a feast fit for King Arthur (2/6) (r)

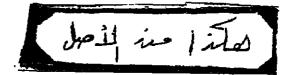
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12.00 News and 12.27em approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The White Boy Shuffle, by Paul Beath Plead by Ray Shell (7/10)

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Drama doesn't need dressing up, period

such as the dismal Rhodes will, I hope, have consequences beyond the usual cleansing effects of confession. The lesson I hope the Corporation will learn is that, since all drama is by definition risky, why not take more risks with new drama and lewer with: the costume variety?

If there were such a creature as a cultural bookie, he would certainly lay short odds on dramas taken from the classics, citing Jane Austen for proof. But Austen, and perhaps Hardy, are the safest of safe ground. Stray beyond it and you are taking big risks, not to mention spending big money: all those costumes, all those streets that need their 20th-century furniture removed.

Preston Front (BBCl) would not pretend to be Pride and Prejudice

The recent public hand- factor in determining television wringing from the BBC over success then Preston Front has it failed drama blockbusters in spades. Yet who would have predicted, when the first series came along, that something this quirky could have caught the public imagination and caught the eye of awards judges (two best comedy gongs).

So this is the least likely success since Last of the Summer Wine and it has some of that shows idiosyncracies. In particular the writing (by Tim Firth) has a literary quality usually absent from dramas featuring "ordinary" people. Yet the Lancashire lads and lasses in Preston Front, which is loosely based around a Territorial Army unit, produce deadpan humour of a high quality.

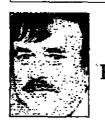
The central character is still Hodge, who is played by Colin Buchanan, an actor more familiar to television audiences since Dalziel and Pascoe than he was but if quality writing is the one key when Preston Front began. Hodge

provides the core tension, surrounding the daughter he pretends is a god-daughter. But the strength of the series lies not in a particular actor or the story line, but in the ensemble performances. This cast has the feel of an old-style reper-

Thether that is deliberately planned or just approduct of the way that never wastes a Firth's writing never wastes a character is hard to say. What was evident last night, as before, is that Firth does not fall back on stereotype. Lloydy (Adrian Hood) is a good example: dim but good hearted, most writers would leave him at that. But Firth gives him dignity, and wit: "All I ever got to do was jump off a dressing table on to me mum and dad's bed ...

and I only got to do that once," In this first episode Hodge was playing the well-intentioned dad. with predictable results. Young

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Kirsty was not impressed, and Hodge was forced to a conclusion most fathers will recognise: "I'm not a dad. I'm just a bloke who says wow a lot." Well, it is a start. If Preston Front is back in the best of form, what is one to make of Tiger Bay (BBCI)? I suppose the start of two new series on the same

should be a cause for gratitude and

celebration, a reason to send a note

photograph, a sure sign that Auntie is pushing the boat out. And the programme is transmitted

Ah yes, I know: it is the 1980s. Go on, you remember. The decade when yuppies were all the rage. when the standard dramatic device for showing the division between them and us was for a have-not to nick a BMW from one of those dockland estates where all the yuppies have bought a warechannel on the same night in July house converted to a bijou

> residence. I suppose there are still yuppies

much he deserves his pay rise. But warehouses, but they seem a bit passe in terms of television drama. I am not sure about Tiger Bay. On the one hand, this must be Tiger Bay is, of course, the docklands area of Cardiff, immortan important series because it is accompanied by a press release alised both in a film of the same whose cover contains a colour name and as the home ground of Shirley Bassey, But when drama presumes to be contemporary, it

at 8.30, the peakest of peak time. But I recognise something from The characters? Too early to tell. the past in Tiger Bay and any moment now it will come back to The tabloid fuss will (and does) surround Jan Anderson as a 16year-old girl having an affair with a man aged 40, but episode one took that no further than the bedroom. In fact it did not take anything anywhere much.

needs to smack of this decade not

uch more interesting drama was to be found in a factual programme. drama was to be found an account of the Tate Gallery transmitted on the very day of its centenary. Mr Tate's Gallery (BBC2) covered a lot of ground in

bine the serious history with the frippery of such controversies as the infamous pile of bricks. Happily the Tate (which has branches in Liverpool and St Ives) is not one of those institutions which can only claim to have a great future behind it, for in the millennium year its London base will be split in two. thus giving modern art its own

It has been quite a century: floods, war and controversy have ravaged the Tate, though none of these intruders has left any lasting wounds, least of all the controversy, which seems to me part and parcel of being a great gallery.

An actress asleep in a glass case is not art to me, but the programme showed that magnificent Turners were as ridiculed in their time as some modern work is now. It would be a listless gallery that preserved a single definition of art in formaldehyde, so to speak.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breaklast (20735) 7.00 BBC Breaklast News (T) (18803) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1) (3253990) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (1684396)

9.50 Kliroy (T) (5356464) 10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (60193)

11.00 News (1) Regional News and weather (7774342) 11.05 Due South (r) (f) (5059434) 12.00 News (T) and weaming (2.05pm Wipeout (r) (T) (6002483) 12.35 Neighbours (T) (8687342) 11,50 Good Neighbours (2864025) 12,00 News (T) and weather (8325735)

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1.40 Perry Mason: The Case of the Glass Coffin An old magician friend becomes the prime suspect in the murder of his assistant (3457551) 3.10 Quincy The coroner suspects a high

school gymnestics coach is guilty of foul play when one of his proteges dies in suspicious circumstances (9239464)

4.00 Popeye (7703006) 4.10 Rugrats (4112193) 4.35 Round the Twist (8807532) 5.00 Newsround (T) (1870700) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (T) (4468613)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (776629) 6.00 News (1) and weather (667).

6.30 Regional News (T) (919) 7.00 Summer Holiday The tropical island of Mauritius; a sea-front villa in Crete; on safari in Kenya and Casis Forest, Britain's

newest holiday village in the Lake District 7.30 EastEnders (T) (803) 8.00 Wildlife on One: Otters — Attenborough narrates a bleak study exploring the truth about one of Britain's

rarest mammals (T) (4532)

8.30 Keeping Up Appearances Social climbing cornedy starring Patricia Routledge (r) (T) (3667)

9.30 The Broker's Man: Siege Jimmy struggles to avert a major catastrophe when Dominic is kidnapped at gunpoint. Last in the drama series, with Kevin Whately (T) (658919) WALES: 9.30 Referendum '97 (926822) 10.15-11.05 The Broker's Man (990667)

10,20 The X Files Scully investigates the murders of a string of doctors working at abortion clinics. Mulder's long-lost sister reappears claiming she's been sent to round up a gang of renegade aliens (1/2)

11.05 You Decide Should the Prince of Wales many Camilla Parker Bowles and still be king? (837919)

11.55 The Serpent and the Rainbow (1987) with Bill Pullman, Cathy Tyson and Michael Gough. Atmospheric chiller about a Harvard anthropologist's visit to Haiti in search of the toxic drug used by voodoo priests to create zombles. Directed by Wes Craven (T) (980498) WALES: 11.55 The X Files (268025) 12.40am FiLM: The Serpent and the Rainbow (339656) 2.15 News (3648584)

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6.00am Open University: Pleter Bruegei and Popular Culture (7837464) 6.25 Writing and Publishing (7743071) 6.50

BBC2

The Leathart Collection (8047025) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (6792280)

7.30 Teletubbles (r) (7828938) 7.55 Bump (7268919) 8.00 Noddy (r) (9780241) 8.10 Raccoons (r) (6855735) 8.35 Get Your Own Back (r) (1) (3256396) 9.05 Spiderman (r) (1670193) 9.30 Glad Rags (r) (14223) (r) (14223)

10.00 The Moomins (r) (4417993) 10.25 Oakie Doke (r) (7557025) 10.40 Spider (r) (3115993) 10.45 Teletubbies (r) (653648) 11.15 The Record (8100822) 11.40 Moon Over Miami (r) (T) (9082358) 12.30pm Working Lunch (86629)

1.00 A to Z of Food (25964483) 1.10 Beechgrove Garden — the First Season (77703321) 1.40 Blockbusters (59341716) 2.05 The Natural World

(5574071) 3.00 News (r) (1887174) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (T) (6742938) 3.55 News (T) (2226464) 4.00 The Hunters (1958) Action adventure. with Robert Mitchum and Robert Wagner.

Directed by Dick Powell (97407445)

5.45 One Lump or Two (r) (222483) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (799006) 6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (366209)



U2 raise money for Tibet (7.10pm)

7.10 The O Zone Behind the scenes at a benefit concert in New York featuring U2, Blur and Oasis (186938)

Home Ground: A Silm Chance A 21-stone woman tnes to lose weight. Doctor Nick Finer points out the dangers of obesity (T) (445) 8.00 Call My Bluff (r) (T) (2174) WALES: Berbecue Bible 8.30 Homeland at the Royal Welsh Show 8.30 Ainsley's Berbecue Bible (3/6) from

South Africa's Cape Province where Ainsley cooks butternut squash; butterflied leg of lamb and parma ham bruschetta (1) (1209) 9.00 Reunion (1993) Emotional drama with

Mario Thomas, Peter Strauss and Courtney Chase A grieving mother, whose dead son's spirit returns to comfort her, is further traumatised when the apparition begins to fade. Directed by Lee Grant (1) (4990) 10.28 Tailding Tate (824087)

10.30 Newsnight (792939) 11.15 Scene (445716) 11.45 Poetry Backpack (648377) 11.55 Weather (802648) 12.00 Midnight Hour (99675)

12.30am Learning Zone: Deadly Quarrels (69946) 1.00 Finding a Balance (66410) 1.30 Energy Through the Window (89859) 2.00 Fun with Kids Collections 2 (83743) 4.00 Teaching and Learning with (32526) 4.30 Film Education (54675) 5.00 Inside Europe (30507) 5.30 Film

6.00am GMTV (3278416)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1678736) 9.55 Judge Judy (T) (4381464) 10.20 News (T) (8176261) 10.25 Regional

News (T) (8175532) 10.30 Our Sons (1991) with Julie Andrews, Ann-Margret and Hugh Grant. Contemporary drama about two women coming

Directed by John Erman (94795984) 12.20pm Regional News (1) (8321919) 12.30 News (T) and weather (8786667)

12.54 HTV Crimestroppers (57564290) 12.55 Shortland Street (8761358) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (37466803) 1.50 Liz Earle's Lilestyle (T) (59358006) 2.20 Contract for Murder (r) (T) (5651174)

3.20 News (T) (1894464) 3.25 Regional News (T) (1885716)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (4100209) 3.40 Ozzie the Owl (r) (1484532) 3.50 Zot the Dog (r) (1480716) 4.00 Scooby Doc (r) (7798174) 4.10 (7794358) (T) 4.20 Captain Star (T) 4.45 The Scoop (8725984)

5.10 Highway to Heaven (2/2) (1504667) 5.40 News (T) and weather (942735) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (786532) 6.25 HTV Weather (599613) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (777)

7.00 Emmerdate Kim finds Steve in the arms of another (T) (3280) 7.30 Take 3 Last in the series of current attars

report on issues affecting the region (241) 8.00 The BIII Loxton and McCann confiscate a firearms fanatic's gun — and unwittingly do him what turns out to be the lavour of a ifetime (T) (6700) 8.30 The Paranormal World of Paul

McKenna The hypnotist investigates how somebody can walk along a path of broken glass and not get hurt (1) (8735)



9.00 The Getaway (1994) with Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger. A jailed criminal asks his wile to make a deal with a crime kingpin to ensure his release. Directed by Roger Donaldson. Continues after the News (T) (4629)

10.00 News (T) and weather (74342) 10.30 Regional News (T) (412629) 10.40 The Getaway Conclusion (T) (1608396)

11.50 New York News Reilly exposes the truth about a media mogul's ploy for attention (713990) 12.45am Carnal Knowledge (r) (110471) 1.45 Late and Loud (1641507)

2.50 The Chart Show (r) (4743385) 3.40 International Motor Racing (r) (T) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (22657675)

5.00 Heirtoom (27033) 5.30 News (87830)

CENTRAL

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10.30am Film: Home is Where the Hart Is (1994) A teature-length adventure for the jet-setting television crime-busters, starring Robert Wagner, Stephanie Powers and Lione) Stander. Directed by Peter Hunt (94795984)

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8761358) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1504667)

6.25-7.00 Central News (616716) 7.30-8.00 Blenheim Palace (241)

11.50 Highlander (445087) 12.50am Film: The Reluctant Agent (344588) 2.30 in Focus (6061255) 3.20 ITV at the Phoenix Festival (6797507)

4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (6751762) 5.20 Aslan Eve (9153588)

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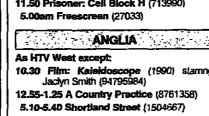
Powers and Lionel Stander. Directed by Peter Hunt (94795984) 12.55pm Home and Away (6163434) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (80858290) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1504667)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (81174) 7.30-8.00 Stately Homes (241) 11.50 Highlander (713990)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except 10.30am Film: Kaleidoscope (94795984) 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (1504667) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (735)

6.30-7.00 Summer Festivals (777) 7.30-8.00 Four Returns to India (241) 11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H (713990)



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Scottish Highland family home into a

luxury hole for Americans. Directed by

6.00 Space Cadets (T) (377) 6.30 Tour De France in Switzerland: 181km, Morzone to Fribourg (629)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (391280) 7.50 Countdown 2000 Tony Milburn of the International Association on Water Quality (T) (506938)

Paula and Donald (8.00pm)

8.00 Tool Stories Donald and Paula Aldridge restore their 100-year-old south London property, currently divided into seven bedsits, back to its former glory as a family home under the watchful eye of builder George Herbert (2/6) (T) (4342)

8.30 Brookside (T) Jimmy discovers that dogs and babies do not mix, while Mick appears to be heading for big trouble with

acqui (6377) 9.00 CHARLE True Stories: Lone Star Hate The growing intolerance to homosexuals in some Texan towns. tocusing on the beating and subsequent death of Nicholas West in 1993 (T) (6358) 10.30 Trauma 1 ife in the University of

Pennsylvania's Trauma Bay (942919) 11.00 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out Comedy sketches (1/9) (r) (4254)

11.30 Gas Stand up comedy (3/8) (T) (423025) 12.05em Nightwatch New, live phone-in show about television programmes (6964217) 1.05 A Kind of Loving (1962, b/w) Alan Bates and Julie Christie, star in this "angry young man" drama directed by John

3.05 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (4203052) 3.50 Music Hath Charms (1935, b/w) A musical: a day in the life of bandleader Henry Half (8653101)

Schlesinger (616217)

5.05 Tour De France (r) (4276217) 5.35 Backdate (r) (T) (2617255)

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6.00am 5 News Early (9232716)

7.30 Havakazoo (7068803) 8.00 The Enid Blyton Adventure Series (7885700) 8.30 WideWorld A look at how Mozambique

has tried to rebuild itself after the devastation of civil war (7884071) 9.00 Espresso (3658261) 10.00 Exclusive! (T) (5564071) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (T) (7977735)

11.00 Leeza (6519551) 11.50 Double Espresso (19377209) **12,00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7968087) **12,30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4532445)

1.00 5 News Update (T) (39566241) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8575532) 2.00 5's Company (6555087)

3.30 Tarzan in Manhattan (1989) with Joe Lara, Kim Crosby and Tony Curtis.

Adventure about the Lord of the Jungle visiting New York to track down his chimp

companion Cheetah. Directed by Michael Schultz (1074532) 5.20 5's Company -- Late Extra (68698445)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7305025) 6.00 Move on Up (T) (7302938)

6.30 Family Affairs Duncan tells Jack that Pete has spilled the beans (T) (7386990) 7.00 Exclusive! Julia Bradbury with the latest entertainment news (6652629)

7.30 Close Encounters How people are helping to improve the dwindling population of barn owls (T) (7382174)



Maurizio, Sonia and Roberto (8.00pm

8.00 Plastic Fantastic Millionaire Harley Street surgeons, Maurizio and Roberto Viel carry out breast augmentation on 21year-old Sonia Plus: agony aunt, Katie Boyle and Nikki Diamond, better known as Gladiator Scorpio, discuss their own operations (6661377)

8.30 5 News (T) (6577984)

9.00 Poltergeist: The Legacy Derek meets a woman who has experiences linking her to a number of strange deaths (T) (6103193)

9.50 Poltergeist: The Legacy Nick encounters a gory magician (1) (3201822) 10.45 Not the Jack Docherty Show with Rich

Hall (1107667) 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6559803)

12.30em Live and Dangerous The guests include Chris Eubank (85790236) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco

7.00mm Tiny Loing (36141803) 9.05 A Woman Called Smith (4296464) 9.15 Gordon Elicot (3516629) 18.05 Jerry Springer (3586193) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (3751648) 11.50 Brook-ade (9417754) 12.25pm Why Me? (70055464) 12.55 Tempesti (4515396) 1.40 Rolonda (2965613) 2.30 The Agony Experience (5687359) 3.00 Live at Three (90077716) 4.05 Jerry Springer (63658735) 5.05 J

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6.00pm Cast a Giant Shadow (1966) (44210867) 8.20 Boetlejulce (1988) (62274356) 19.00 hard Times (1975) (6745209) 11.40 Harlem Night (1969) (8139629) 1.36am Zardoz (1974) (3013897) 3.20-5.00 Untalkirkuly Yours (1968) (2251046) TNT.

7.00am Sports Centre (57/2025) 7.15 Gel Fri for Football (8080464) 7.30 High 5 (91174) 8.00 Grand Prix Selling (48218) 8.30 Racing News (88759) 9.00 Sports Centre (5082342) 9.15 Gel Fit for Football (1124567) 9.30 Aerobics CZ Style (56071) 10.00 Flugby League, London v Centrens 149735) 12.00 Aerobics CZ Style (96795) 12.30pm Big Stots (53613) 1.30 Wild Spirits (93838) 2.00 Pool World Charmolon-ships (51218) 4.00 Mountain Billing Indian

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Tennis: Federation Cup — Czsch Republic v Holland (28897303) 2.00pm World Meter Sports (48493657) 5.00 Equestmentary American Arifices Connec-tion (52794398) 8.00 Sports Unlamed (10094396) 7.00 Tennis Federation Cup — Casch Republic v Holland (46076445) 9.00 Boxing: Liles v Ballogou (87703648) 11.00-11.30 High 5 (60594358)

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Newcastle move for Ostenstad

Ferdinand gets cold shoulder from Dalglish

By David Maddock

NEVER is the plot thicker than in a football transfer. Les Ferdinand, it seems, is about to leave Newcastle United, but not, as was first thought, at his behest. Over the weekend, the consensus was that the England forward wanted to sever his links with St James' Park. but that the club was opposed to the idea.

The events of yesterday. however, have turned that theory on its head. Ferdinand spoke passionately of his desire to continue in the North East, but Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, signalled his willingness to mark the way to the exit by attempting to sign a replacement.

David Jones, the Southampton manager, confirmed that his club had received an offer of £4 million from Dalglish for Egil Ostenstad, the Norway centre torward. Ostenstad, 25, cost Southampton £900,000 only a year ago, but apparently it was an offer the South Coast club could afford to turn

"We don't need to sell players." Jones said."My understanding of the situation is that in talks with the |Southampton| chairman. Rupert Lowe, Newcastle offered £4 million, but these days for a striker of his quality, you would expect to pay between E7 million to EIO million and there is no way we will let him go for less than the ideal fee."

Clearly, Dalglish is wining to sell Ferdinand, 30, given his pursuit of Ostenstad, and there is no shortage of suitors. Tottenham Hotspur, the player's preferred destination, have bid £5 million, a figure close to that offered by Sheffield Wednesday, but Everton have topped both. Sources at Goodison Park indicated yesterday that they will stretch to the 16 million asking price. such is the desperate nature of their search for a forward.

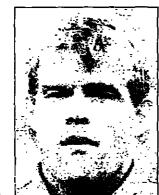
If Ferdinand is keen to move, it was not instantly apparent yesterday. He denied reports attributed to him at the weekend suggesting he wanted to leave and instead offered a contented picture of life at Newcastle.

*Everything has been blown out of proportion, but I would love to stay here," he said. "Don't forget Alan Shearer and myself formed the most successful partnership in the Premiership last season, so why would I want to walk away from that?"

Ferdinand even suggested that there was no significance in the fact that he threw his shirt to supporters after a preseason match at the weekend. but the feeling remains that the forward will be on the move, especially given an apparent frostiness between him and Dalglish.

It could happen swiftly. Dalglish will return to Southampton with an improved offer of £5 million for Ostenstad and Tottenham are likely to be successful at the same price, even though their bid has been topped, if only because if Ferdinand must move, then he will insist on the destination being London.

That will leave Everton still searching for a forward, but



Ostenstad: transfer target

the salvation could yet be a player they have already rejected. Fabrizio Ravanelli will return to Middlesbrough for training today, after a twoweek hiatus when he refused to report to the club, and that could inspire renewed activity

not agree terms with the Italy forward, but Bryan Robson. the Middlesbrough manager. suggested that that may be a temporary state of affairs. "If Ravanelli does not go to Everton and no one else comes in with the money, then he will stay here, he said. Everion deal could still happen, but if not then I need to find his feelings about this club because I'm not prepared to accept anything but a positive attitude from all my players this season."

Everton suffered further disappointment in the transfer market yesterday when they were beaten to the signature of Ciriaco Sforza, the Switzerland captain, by his former club, Kaiserslautern. Sforza, 27. a midfield player, joined the German club from Internazionale for a fee of DM6.5 million (about £2.7 million) on a four-year

David Hopkin, the Crystal Palace midfield player will complete a £3 million transfer to Leeds United today. Palace. for their part, will hope to complete the signing of Attilio Lombardo, 31, from Juventus, The Italy winger was expected in London vesterday, but his arrival was delayed and he will enter talks when he

Mike Newell has signed a two-year contract with Aberdeen after agreeing a move defender, to The Dell from Stockport County.

Lee Nogan, the Wales and Reading striker, has been bought by Grimsby Town as a replacement for Clive Mendones. The fee is likely to be

By MARK SOUSTER

on Everton's part.
The Merseyside club could

arrives this morning.

from Birmingham City and Southampton will pay £2 million to bring Paul Jones. a goalkeeper, and Lee Todd, a

decided by a transfer tribunal.



Buoyant Cork bobs back to surface

By Richard Hobson

FOR a man who has reserved his greatest deeds for Test grounds. Dominic Cork could hardly have chosen a humbler fixture or setting to begin his return to the sport that he once threatened to dominate.

Perhaps 100 spectators were at Belper Meadows Cricket Club yesterday to see Derbyshire play Yorkshire in the Aon Risk Trophy, the limitedovers competition for second XIs. Few arrived expecting to see Cork, but, by the end of the day, they could have been in no doubt about his enduring star quality.

There were no scorecards and no tannoy announcements. The opening batsman referred to as No I on the scoreboard might have been any youngster beginning to make his way in the game. Beneath the helmet, how-

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ever, were clues of pedigree. Nimble running, at least until the run out of his partner, suggested an intimacy with the demands of one-day cricket. A forcing stroke off the back foot and a searing straight drive revealed impeccable timing. When he misread the spin of Michael Vaughan after וטו חו כב שמחמצי remained briefly in his studious forward defensive pose, as if astonished by his own

fallibility. Later, when Yorkshire replied, he effectively decided the match in his side's favour with a spell of five overs that brought four wickets for 16

Cork, 25, was playing a month after an operation on the groin injury that had troubled him since he pulled up against Kent in his only county championship game of the season in April. He has bowled in the nets and intends to play as an all-rounder in the Axa Life League game against Glamorgan on Sunday. The NatWest Trophy quarter-final against Sussex two days later presents an opportunity to begin his quest to earn a place on the England tour of the West Indies next January. -

Warne held up Line and Length

of the infighting at Derbyshire. By implication, he was one of the senior players castigated by Dean Jones on the Australian's resignation as captain. If Kim Barnett wins his appeal against the £1,500 fine imposed by the club for airing his views on the controversy, Cork, too, may

reveal his thoughts.

During his time away, he has pondered the mistakes

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ed in the right way."

that might have brought a temporary halt to his England career even had he stayed fit. "It is not hard to look at the way my life has developed and realise there are things I should not have done. There has been a lot of pressure and stress around me, but I think I Injury has not kept him out am through it," Cork said.

riage prompted him to pull out of the tour to Zimbabwe last winter. "With hindsight, maybe I should have taken the whole winter to sort things

out." he said. The tour to New Zealand that followed Zimbabwe was the nadir of his Test career, a humbling contrast to his first series against the West Indies, when he returned the best bowling figures by an England player on debut at Lord's and performed the hat-trick at Old Trafford. Yet by hitting the runs that clinched the series in Christchurch, he showed that his star quality had not faded altogether.

"That moment is featured on "feel-good" videotape compiled by David Lloyd, the England coach, as a motivational tool. Cork said: "It is important to remember that although I have struggled anybody could have predicted, including myself."

He sent a fax to the England team after their success against Australia at Edgbaston. I have grown up in cricket terms with a lot of those players," he said. "I still tingled inside when Nasser [Hussain] scored his doublecentury even though I was frustrated not to have been involved. I have stayed away from the Tests only because do not want people to think am hanging around. I would rather be back there fit and

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success of the British Isles' FRAN COTTON confirmed yesterday that he will have a tour to South Africa. pivotal new role to play in the There are so many things that need to be addressed, but the first priority is to make

development of rugby union in England and - he hopes in Britain and Ireland into the next century. He envisages an overhaul of the structure of the game in England, but, of greater importance is, he believes, the need to develop a common playing strategy within the four home unions to counter the dominance of the southern hemisphere on the field and in the corridors

Details and the terms of reference of his new highprofile position as part of the Rughy Football Union's management board, on to which he was co-opted last Friday, will not be finalised until the board meets on July 31, but far better game, which we Cotton intends to build on the don't want to turn into some version of rugby league as we have seen with the Super 12. which is very worrying. We need at least an equal footing



is expected to claim Tony Hallet as its next victim after the resignation of Colin Herridge as chairman of finance. Hallett, the acting chief executive, is on holiday in the United States, but his supporters concede his position is weak and believe that even if the inquiry by Judge Butler vindicates him - as they are confident it will - the pressure on him to resign will be

Harlequins will demand a transfer fee in excess of £250,000 if Jason Leonard, the captain and England international, moves to Saracens. Leonard has been made an offer "he cannot refuse" and has asked to be released.

Lighting-up time at Old Trafford

Cotton prepares for pivotal new role

PETER HARTLEY, the Yorkshire seam bowler, has not had too many opportunities to make history during his 15year career. True, he did take five wickets in nine balls against Derbyshire two years ago, but the chances are he may be best remembered for the delivery he bowled at 3.30pm yesterday at Old

It may not have been one of his finest - a leg-tump haifvolley that Lancashire's captain, Mike Watkinson, flicked for four - but that did not matter. Floodlit cricket and, perhaps more important, split-innings tricket in England was under way.

For those who spend the

winters either travelling with

the Barmy Army or who have

satellite sport on tap, the

novelty value of night cricket

may have wanted - abroad.

Barney Spender assesses Lancashire's experiment with day-night cricket

everyone seems to play under lights now - but it is new for everybody else in England. There have, of course, been previous attempts to stage

floodin matches in this country, but, with the exception of Surrey's washed out Axa Life League match at the Oval last month, not on a county ground with proper lighting. esterday's was not a competition maich per se, but with 10,000 prize-money at stake. there was at least an element

Many feel that one-day cricket with its coloured clothes, music and drifting particue smoke needs lights for it really to come alive. It may not please the purists, but

it is fun and, if the crowds who pitch up in Sydney, Durban and Delhi are anything to go by, it is profitable too. Yesterday's crowd, whichstarted at around 3,000, certainly got into the spirit of the occasion. In between the bursts of rock 'n roll that greeted the batsmen and saluted the boundaries, there were the traditional strains of Lanky, Lanky, Lanky from

The split-innings is an exciting concept. which may well come into international cricket, because it limits the disadvantage of batting second, for each side has 25 overs both in normal light and under floodlights. Lancashire, who opted

the Sunday regulars.

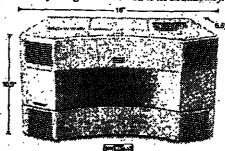
with the narrowest of advantages. Both sides had scored 122, but Yorkshire had lost three wickets to the home side's two.

One innovation that may not last is the sight of the public announcer bounding out to interview each batsman as he trudges back to the pavilion. Watkinson, not renowned for his soft edge, was pretty blunt when asked if he had swung across the line of a straight ball from Craig White. "So you're a coach as well are you?" the Lancashire skipper replied sternly to rancous applause from the crowd.

Until the dinner break, the cricket was played in glorious sunshine, but then the lights began to warm up, admission prices were slashed and the crowd settled back for the

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